

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FROM JAPAN FOR FORESTRY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Japan has expressed its readiness to finance some phases of forestry projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated and released for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a), (b) & (c) Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, in consultation with Ministry of Environment and Forests, has forwarded the projects of State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Nagaland and Jammu & Kashmir for consideration during 2010-11 to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Status of these projects, posed for funding to JICA, will be known only after JICA undertakes various studies and consultations as per their procedure. Therefore, it is premature to say at this stage whether these projects would be financed or not.

However, the projects presently funded by JICA in various states, their duration, project cost and objectives are at Annexure-I.