

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

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TIE-UP WITH USA`S UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has tied up with some USA`s universities to raise the competence of the Indian Forest Service Officers on the areas of environmental policy and forestry management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of the universities and the process of their selection;
- (c) whether this training programme is mandatory for all officers and to what extent their performance evaluation of the training programme will be accounted for in the career progression;
- (d) the selection criteria of officers for participating in this overseas training programme;
- (e) whether any cost benefit analysis has been undertaken before initiating such training programme;
- (f) if so, the details of the expenditure involved and the likely benefit it would accrue; and
- (g) if no, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Mid Career Training is mandatory at various levels for Indian Forest Service Officers in their career progression as per IFS (Pay) Rules. The Mid Career Training aims at upgradation of their professional skills at Indian Institutes of Management/Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun and two weeks in selected foreign universities. Out of the six such selected universities the three universities are of United States i.e. Colorado State University, University of Yale and University of Syracuse.
- (e) & (f) The training institutes have been selected through the global bidding after necessary technical and financial evaluation of the bids. The estimated cost for three years is Rs.56.70 Crore. The Mid Career Trainings are expected to improve professional skills of IFS officers.
- (g) Does not arise.