

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

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FOREST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with Japanese Bank of International Co-operation for a project entitled 'Capacity Development for Forest Management and Training
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the objectives of this project and the States included under this project;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to release funds during the current financial year for this project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The total cost of the project is Rs.225.00 Crore and duration of project is five years and three months. The main objective of the project is improvement of infrastructure, course curriculum and teaching methodologies in the State Forest Training Institutes meant for training of Forest Guards and Foresters. In the project, there are ten states i.e. Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram are kept as Buffers States. The State of Sikkim has been deleted as a separate project including the components of the project is funded by Japanese Bank of International Co-operation and consent of buffer states has been sought.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Budget provision of Rs.34.90 Crore is made in the current financial year.