

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

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

- (a) Whether the afforestation programmes are being undertaken in various States/UTs with funds from foreign banks;
- (b) if so, the details of such programmes, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the funds received from these banks and utilised during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Afforestation is one of the components in externally aided projects under implementation in various States with assistance from external donor agencies like the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), World Bank (WB), etc. At present, nine State Sector forestry projects with an investment of about Rs. 4,615 Crores are under implementation in nine States and one Central Sector Project on Capacity building in Forestry Sector with an outlay of Rs. 225 Crores is under implementation. The projects in Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan have been concluded on 31st July 2009, 31st March 2010 and 31st July 2010 respectively. The details of the ongoing projects, including those concluded in 2010, are given at Annexure-I.

(c) The eligible portion of the expenditure, incurred by the State Governments under these projects, is reimbursed by the funding agency. The details of reimbursements in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 project-wise and State-wise are given in Annexure-II.