

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3416
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WATERSHED TRAINING CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal to upgrade the watershed training centre at Bijapur in Karnataka is pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is shortage of staff/ skeletal staff and equipment in the said training centre;
- (d) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for seeking financial assistance for Bamboo afforestation in the watershed areas of Karnataka from Japan; and
- (e) if so, the details and the Status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) & (b): The proposal to upgrade the Watershed Training Centres at Bijapur & Mysore of Karnataka State proposed under Japanese Grant-in-Aid at an estimated cost of Rs.22.00 crore received from Govt. of Karnataka has been posed to Govt. of Japan through Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.
- (c): Yes, Madam. Presently the said training centre is working with a skeletal staff and also not well equipped.
- (d) & (e): No, Madam. However, for Bamboo afforestation in the watershed areas, this Ministry under National Bamboo Mission (NBM) had approved Annual Action Plan of Govt. of Karnataka for 2009-10 and 2010-11 with a total cost of Rs.415.00 lakh and Rs.347.24 lakh respectively.