

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

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AGREEMENT WITH JAPANESE BANK  
Kurup Shri N.Peethambara

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has entered into an agreement with Japanese Bank of International Co-operation (JBIC) for external assistance for Capacity Development for Forest Management and Training of Personnel (ID-P-199);
- (b) if so, whether the Japan international cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Union Government have released the necessary fund in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons for such inordinate delay in releasing the assistance; and
- (d) the time by which the funds are likely to be released?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has entered into an agreement with Japanese Bank of International Co-operation for external assistance for Capacity Development for Forest Management and Training of Personnel (ID-P-199). The project is in reimbursable mode i.e. the expenditure has to be incurred by Government of India and reimbursement has to be obtained from Japan international cooperation Agency. In the current year, a provision of Rs. 34.90 crore has been made for providing funds to States as grants. The States have been requested to submit a Quadripartite Agreement and plans for rehabilitation of State Forest Training Institutions. The release of funds would depend upon the receipt of proposals from the States and their examination thereof.