

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

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STRENGTHENING OF IFS SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has appointed any Committee to strengthen the Indian Forest Service (IFS) in the Country;
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start any refresher course for IFS Cadre;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) A Committee to look into Comprehensive Recruitment Plan for Indian Forest Service (IFS) including the structures, methods, ;deployment, incentives, curriculum, training etc. for effective management of forests was constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri J.C. Kala, Retired Director General of Forests and Special Secretary on 17th March, 2010. The findings of the Committee submitted on 22nd March, 2011 are available at Ministry's website [www.moef.nic.in/modules/others/?f=kala](http://www.moef.nic.in/modules/others/?f=kala).

(c) to (e) At present the following Courses are conducted for capacity building of IFS:-

- (i) In service one week training and two-day's Workshop.
- (ii) Mandatory Mid-Career Training in accordance with extant Rules and Instructions.

No proposal for introducing any further Refresher Course for the Cadre is under consideration of the Government.