

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CAPACITY BUILDING IN FORESTRY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for `Capacity Building in Forestry Sector` in the country including district Banaskantha in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched a scheme for "Capacity Building in Forestry Sector", with total projected cost of Rs. 368.74 crore, with six components to be funded from the Plan Outlays, and one Externally Aided Component to be funded by the Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) as a soft loan in reimbursable mode. The scheme is meant to address the Capacity Building in Forestry Sector of all levels across the country.

(b) The details and the salient features are as under:-

(i) **Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA):** This component professional induction training of directly recruited IFS officers, skill up-gradation of officers promoted to IFS, Advanced Forest Management Courses/ Mandatory Mid-Career Trainings, refresher courses/seminars/workshops for IFS officers and sponsored courses for personnel of other services are organized.

(ii) **Directorate of Forest Education (DFE):** This component provides professional induction courses for the directly recruited State Forest Service officers and Forest Range Officers, their in service trainings, theme based seminars and workshops.

(iii) **Training of IFS officers:** Under this component one-week refresher training courses and thematic workshops are organized providing opportunities of vertical interaction amongst IFS officers. The IFS Officers are also sponsored for long-term training course.

(iv) **Training of Personnel of Other Services:** This component provides awareness programmes would be undertaken through short-term trainings, workshops and study tour for the personnel of various Departments such as Police, Revenue, Customs, etc.

(v) **Training of Other Stakeholders:** This component provides study tours, workshops and seminars for Panchayat members, elected representatives, teachers, nature clubs/eco-clubs, social activists, NGOs, media etc.

(vi) **Foreign Training of Forestry Personnel:** This component is aimed at encouraging specialization amongst the forestry personnel by sponsoring them for various short-term and long-term training courses at various Institutions abroad.

(vii) **Capacity Development for Forest Management & Training of Personnel:** This is an externally aided component shall be implemented in eleven states i.e. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal aimed at improving training of frontline forestry Personnel. The proposal has two major objectives:

To strengthen infrastructure of the forestry training schools of State Forest Departments by:

Improving existing State Forest Training Schools (SFTS)

Establishing new training Schools in those States that do not have one.

To strengthen training of frontline forestry personnel through:

Syllabus revision.

Building up a pool of Master Trainers / Trainers.

Training of frontline forest force in the States

(c) The implementation of the scheme is a continuous process.