

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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EXPENDITURE FOR TRAINING ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The details of training programmes undertaken by officers of the Government of India abroad alongwith amount of expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years, Ministry-wise;
- (b) Whether any efforts have been made by the Government to derive maximum benefit from such training programmes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to minimise, rationalise and make the best use of such training programmes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Department of Economic Affairs(DEA) administers only short term foreign training programmes of the duration upto four weeks sponsored by various international agencies. These training programmes are fully funded wherein the expenditure is borne by the foreign sponsoring agencies. No budget provision is made or any amount is spent on such foreign training programmes under the DEA's head of account. In some of the programmes, the cost of to and fro air fare is required to be borne by the nominating organisations viz. Ministries / Departments/State Govts. No centralised record has been maintained for such expenditure. Flowever, the number of training programmes administered during the last three years from 2006 to 2008 are as under:

Name of      2006 2007 2008  
the Agency

International    45 30 29  
Monetary Fund  
(IMF)

Japan International 81 20 27  
Cooperation Agency

Swedish International 43 33 26  
Development Coop.  
Agency

Singapore Cooperation 53 61 50  
Program Training Awards

Colombo Plan    22 09 24

Commonweal th    24 17 12  
Secretariat

Total      268 170 168

Besides, Department of Personnel & Training is administering a Scheme of foreign training termed as `Domestic Funding of Foreign

Training(DFFT) which has the following four components:

1. Long Term Foreign Training Programmes
2. Short Term Foreign Training Programmes
3. Foreign Component of the Long Term Domestic Programmes
4. Partial Funding of Foreign Study

The expenditure incurred on the DFFT scheme during the last three years is as under:

Rs. in crores

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
17.11	17.50	19.00

(b) (c) & (d) Officers are sent for training abroad every year with a view to help them improve their skills and knowledge and provide them exposure to the international best practices. The officers are expected to replicate the knowledge and skills gained through these training programmes abroad, in their respective sphere of work after their return to India and, thereby, assist the Government in various policy formulation activities in a professional manner.