

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3225  
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2013  
AFFORESTATION SCHEMES FUNDED BY JBIC  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the afforestation scheme funded by Japan Bank of International Cooperation in the country for empowering the women had been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether due to discontinuance of the scheme, they fear to revert to their previous occupation such as felling trees and growing hemp; and
- (d) if so, the measures proposed to be undertaken to arrest this trend?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

- (a) & (b) : As per the information received from Ministry of Environment & Forests, 12 JICA (Japan International Cooperative Agency) formerly known as JBIC (Japan Bank for International Co-operation) assisted projects in forestry sector are currently in operation. The main components of these projects include Afforestation, Biodiversity conservation, improvement of livelihood opportunities and Watershed Development etc. The details of 12 JICA assisted projects are Annexed.
- (c) & (d): Does not arise.