

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 201
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.02.2022

Externally aided projects under the Ministry

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has been implementing various externally aided projects in several States of the country;
- (b) if so, the ongoing projects including funding agency, costs, outcome etc., State- wise;
- (c) the projects under consideration and pending so far;
- (d) whether any proposals/projects of State Governments are pending with the Ministry and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any monitoring mechanism to evaluate outcome of these projects to avoid time and cost overruns; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and the steps being taken by the Ministry in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) & (b) Several Externally Aided Projects are being implemented in the States and funded by donor agencies (Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), French Development Agency, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), KfW, World Bank etc.). The forest development projects are aimed at increase in forest cover, conservation of biodiversity, rehabilitation of degraded forest areas, soil & moisture conservation measures, capacity building of forest officials and other stakeholders, creation of livelihood opportunities for forest fringe villagers and other measures for sustainable management of forests. The details of externally aided forest development projects being implemented by various State Forest Departments are given in **Annexure**.
- (c) & (d) There is no project proposal of State Government pending with the Ministry.
- (e) & (f) The mechanism for comprehensive monitoring and evaluation of any project are included in the project design itself. It includes provision for concurrent, mid-term and post project evaluation for performance as well as impact of the project. The Project Implementing Agency (PIA) also submits quarterly progress report that are shared with the funding agency. After the completion of the project, there is provision for assessment by reputed independent institutions or organisations to ascertain the achievements and fulfilment of project objectives.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 201 due for answer on 03.02.2022 regarding “Externally aided projects under the Ministry”.

Details of the Externally Aided Projects being implemented in various States

S. No.	Name of the Project	State	Project Duration	Funding Agency	Project Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation-Phase II	Assam	2019-20 to 2024-25	French Development Agency (AFD)	500.00
2.	West Bengal Forestry and Biodiversity Conservation Project	West Bengal	2012-13 to 2020-21	JICA	406.66
3.	Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Project (Phase-II)	Rajasthan	2011-12 to 2020-21	JICA	1152.53
4.	Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project	Tamil Nadu	2011-12 to 2020-21	JICA	686.12
5.	Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project	Sikkim	2010-11 to 2020-21	JICA	330.57
6.	Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-II	Odisha	2017-18 to 2026-27	JICA	998.258
7.	Uttarakhand Forest Resource Management Project	Uttarakhand	2014-15 to 2023-24	JICA	807.00
8.	Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Natural Disaster Management in Forest Areas of Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand	2016-17 to 2020-21	JICA	100% grant Mode
9.	Himachal Pradesh Forest Eco-Systems Climate Proofing project	Himachal Pradesh	2016-17 to 2020-21	KfW	32.05 million (Euros)
10.	Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Management & Livelihood	Himachal Pradesh	2018-19 to 2027-28	JICA	800.00
11	Nagaland Forest Management Project	Nagaland	2017-18 to 2026-27	JICA	533.00
12	Sustainable Forest and Catchment Management.	Tripura	2018-19 to 2027-28	JICA	998.40
13	India High Range Landscape Project.	Kerala	2014 to 2022	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	USD 6275000
14	Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems.	Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, & UT of Ladakh	2017 to 2024	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	USD 11544192