

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

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GUJARAT INTEGRATED FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT-II
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat's proposal on 'Integrated Forestry Development Project-II' has been included in the list of projects being posed to JBIC for consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time likely to be taken for its clearance?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir. Gujarat's proposal on Integrated Forestry Development Project-II has been included in the list of projects which were posed to Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for seeking external assistance during the year 2003.

(b) The Gujarat Integrated Forestry Development Project-II aims at maintenance of environmental stability, checking soil erosion, technological upgradation and increasing the forest cover and its productivity through active participation of the people. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2673 crores over a period of eight years. The JBIC has completed 'Fact Finding' of this project during June 2003.