

Outline of the JICA project:-

Project Title:

“Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Management and Livelihoods Improvement Project”.

Objective:

The objective of the project is to manage and enhance forest area ecosystems in the project area by sustainable forest ecosystem management, biodiversity conservation, livelihoods improvement support and strengthening institutional capacity, thereby contributing to environmental conservation and sustainable socio-economic development in the project area in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

Project Implementation Period:

The proposed project is planned for duration of 10 years, starting from 2018-19 to 2027-2028 in consideration of capacities of stakeholders and time required to conduct activities in sustainable manner.

Project area:

6 project target Districts in State of Himachal Pradesh.

- 1 Bilaspur
- 2 Shimla
- 3 Mandi
- 4 kullu
- 5 Kinnaur
- 6 Lahaul & Spiti

Project Cost:

The JICA mission and HPFD agreed that the entire cost of the Project is estimated as INR. 800 Crore (13,921 million Japanese Yen), out of which INR. 640 Crore (11,136 million Japanese Yen) is to be covered by the loan for the Project (hereinafter referred to as the “the Loan”). The coverage ratio by the Loan is 80%.

Project Components:

- Component 1: Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management
- Component 2: Biodiversity Conservation
- Component 3: Livelihoods Improvement Support
- Component 4: Institutional Capacity Strengthening

The project has four components in correspondence with the project outputs. Each component has the preparatory phase, implementation and phase out phases. Output 1: Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management, Output 2: Biodiversity Conservation and Output 3: Livelihoods Improvement Support are supported by Output 4: Institutional Capacity Strengthening which is designed to establish project M&E, institutional capacity enhancement and technical and managerial advisory services extended by the project Management Consultants (PMC).

Duration of the Project:

Duration of the project is 10 years

Following three phases are considered: Preparatory phase 2years, Implementation phase 4years and Phase out phase 2 years.

Major Work Quantities:

Divisions, ranges, and protected areas have been prioritized through exclusion criteria and prioritization criteria and described as follows. If required further prioritization will be conducted.

Total Number of Territorial Divisions: 17 divisions

Total Number of Territorial Ranges: 60 ranges

Total Number of Protected areas and Wildlife Ranges: 4protected areas and 2 wildlife ranges

No of VFDS to be covered: 400

No of BMC to be covered: 20(60 sub-committees)