

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3889**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

**Trees grown outside forest areas**

3889      SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that along with expansion in forest areas trees are being grown outside the forest areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during last three years; and
- (c) the district-wise details in Madhya Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. Trees are being grown outside of forest areas. The total forest and tree cover of the country, as per the latest, "India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017" published by Forest Survey of India, is 8,02,088 sq km which is 24.39% of the geographical area of the country. The Forest and Tree Cover shows an increase of 8,021 sq km as compared to the updated India State of Forest Report 2015. The increase in Forest Cover is 6,778 sq km and increase in Tree Cover is 1,243 sq km as compared to ISFR 2015.
- (b) The details of total number of estimated trees in forest and outside forest are given in Annexure.
- (c) State level and district-wise information on number of trees is not maintained.

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Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3889 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02.04.2018 ASKED BY SMT. SAMPATIYA UIKEY REGARDING TREES GROWER OUTSIDE FOREST AREAS

**Estimated number of tree**

**(In millions)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>IFSR 2017</b>		<b>ISFR 2015</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Forest</b>	<b>TOF</b>	<b>Forest</b>	<b>TOF</b>
<b>No. of trees</b>	13658	5834	13496	5419