

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 727
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

Diversion of forest Land

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

- (a) whether Government is frequently receiving requests from various State Governments for diversion of Forest for one purpose or others;
- (b) if so, the details of the requests received from various State Governments in this regard and the purpose for which the request has been made during the last three years;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken on such request including the diversion of forest land to State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are received in the Ministry from the concerned States & UTs. The proposals are examined in the Ministry and after due diligence the proposals are either approved or rejected within the framework of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and its supporting rules and guidelines.
- (b) to (d) The details of proposals received from various State/UTs Governments in the last three years finally approved under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is annexed.

Annexure

Details of proposals seeking approval of for diversion of forest land under FC Act, 1980 received from various State Governments at Head Office & Regional Offices of MoEF&CC in last three years (2015-18) as on 13.12.2018

S. No.	States/UTs	2015-2018		
		Total proposals received	APPROVED	
			No. of proposals	Area Diverted (in ha.)

1	Andhra Pradesh	83	13	185.40
	Borehole Prospecting	1	1	153.11
	Industry	7	1	0.49
	Irrigation	8	1	4.42
	Mining	10	5	16.16
	Others	17	2	1.29
	Quarrying	6	2	7.67
	Railway	2	0	0.00
	Road	22	1	2.26
	School	1	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	8	0	0.00
	Wind Power	1	0	0.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	18	0	0.00
	Hydel	3	0	0.00
	Road	15	0	0.00
3	Assam	42	0	0.00
	Hydel	1	0	0.00
	Industry	1	0	0.00
	Mining	3	0	0.00
	Others	12	0	0.00
	Quarrying	15	0	0.00
	Railway	2	0	0.00
	Road	3	0	0.00
	Thermal	1	0	0.00
Transmission Line	4	0	0.00	
4	Bihar	144	82	457.20
	Drinking Water	1	0	0.00
	Others	94	56	8.53
	Railway	2	1	3.41
	Road	38	18	427.29
	Transmission Line	8	7	17.97
	Village Electricity	1	0	0.00
5	Chhattisgarh	95	10	605.13
	Borehole Prospecting	1	0	0.00
	Defence	2	0	0.00
	Hydel	2	0	0.00
	Industry	1	1	33.00
	Irrigation	9	1	7.83
	Mining	25	5	500.09

	Others	14	1	26.14
	Railway	6	1	35.41
	Road	14	1	2.67
	School	2	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	19	0	0.00
6	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	10	0	0.00
	Industry	1	0	0.00
	Others	3	0	0.00
	Road	4	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	1	0	0.00
	Village Electricity	1	0	0.00
7	Daman and Diu	1	0	0.00
	Road	1	0	0.00
8	Delhi	3	0	0.00
	Railway	1	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	2	0	0.00
9	Goa	7	4	7.19
	Others	2	1	0.11
	Quarrying	1	1	0.90
	Road	4	2	6.18
10	Gujarat	238	17	67.26
	Approach Access	1	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	12	0	0.00
	Hydel	1	0	0.00
	Industry	6	1	0.74
	Irrigation	17	2	0.95
	Others	66	4	5.18
	Railway	3	3	13.50
	Road	105	6	35.38
	Transmission Line	20	1	11.52
	Village Electricity	4	0	0.00
Wind Power	3	0	0.00	
11	Haryana	768	402	1047.90
	Approach Access	54	19	0.71
	Drinking Water	7	1	0.27
	Industry	23	10	1.21
	Irrigation	8	3	10.05
	Others	286	169	14.55
	Railway	10	7	71.06

	Road	323	163	762.34
	School	15	4	0.12
	Transmission Line	41	26	187.59
	Village Electricity	1	0	0.00
	Himachal Pradesh	369	104	563.50
12	Dispensary/Hospital	3	2	1.03
	Drinking Water	7	5	15.28
	Hydel	42	12	33.97
	Industry	1	0	0.00
	Irrigation	6	0	0.00
	Mining	4	1	2.18
	Others	91	31	49.66
	Quarrying	3	3	5.94
	Railway	1	1	54.25
	Road	183	37	251.44
	School	4	3	6.11
	Transmission Line	19	6	138.85
	Village Electricity	5	3	4.81
		Jharkhand	67	13
13	Encroachments	2	0	0.00
	Industry	2	0	0.00
	Irrigation	2	0	0.00
	Mining	14	2	172.71
	Others	8	3	14.74
	Railway	9	2	7.19
	Road	13	3	119.56
	School	1	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	16	3	61.89
	Karnataka	115	15	158.79
14	Defence	4	1	24.50
	Drinking Water	9	1	13.93
	Hydel	4	2	7.35
	Irrigation	8	1	9.72
	Mining	16	0	0.00
	Others	25	1	26.71
	Quarrying	1	1	2.21
	Railway	4	0	0.00
	Road	24	3	44.62
	School	2	0	0.00

	Transmission Line	12	2	6.36
	Wind Power	6	3	23.39
15	Kerala	30	2	1.01
	Hydel	4	1	0.25
	Others	11	1	0.76
	Rehabilitation	1	0	0.00
	Road	3	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	1	0	0.00
	Village Electricity	10	0	0.00
16	Madhya Pradesh	219	53	4093.38
	Borehole Prospecting	2	0	0.00
	Defence	1	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	1	1	3.92
	Forest Village Conversion	8	8	1214.70
	Hydel	2	0	0.00
	Industry	2	0	0.00
	Irrigation	62	17	1484.51
	Mining	38	2	443.13
	Others	21	2	81.09
	Quarrying	2	0	0.00
	Railway	8	4	74.36
	Road	36	8	138.56
	Transmission Line	34	11	653.11
	Village Electricity	1	0	0.00
Wind Power	1	0	0.00	
17	Maharashtra	198	10	1159.68
	Drinking Water	6	1	0.03
	Encroachments	4	0	0.00
	Industry	6	0	0.00
	Irrigation	13	0	0.00
	Mining	24	4	2.65
	Others	57	2	705.99
	Railway	8	0	0.00
	Rehabilitation	5	1	300.00
	Road	44	1	0.58
	School	1	0	0.00
	Thermal	1	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	24	1	150.43
	Wind Power	5	0	0.00

18	Manipur	22	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	1	0	0.00
	Irrigation	1	0	0.00
	Others	3	0	0.00
	Road	9	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	8	0	0.00
19	Meghalaya	13	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	1	0	0.00
	Mining	3	0	0.00
	Others	2	0	0.00
	Road	3	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	2	0	0.00
	Village Electricity	2	0	0.00
20	Mizoram	4	0	0.00
	Road	4	0	0.00
21	Orissa	147	21	3386.67
	Drinking Water	1	1	4.31
	Hydel	1	0	0.00
	Industry	4	1	3.79
	Irrigation	9	0	0.00
	Mining	74	9	3014.56
	Others	10	3	6.77
	Quarrying	1	0	0.00
	Railway	7	3	168.25
	Road	20	0	0.00
	Thermal	4	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	16	4	188.98
22	Punjab	628	390	1092.47
	Approach Access	38	11	0.16
	Defence	1	1	3.06
	Dispensary/Hospital	4	2	0.01
	Drinking Water	1	1	0.38
	Hydel	3	3	1.20
	Industry	33	28	0.69
	Irrigation	7	5	11.67
	Others	258	148	45.74
	Railway	10	7	237.12
	Road	186	123	752.22
	School	9	4	0.05

	Transmission Line	76	56	40.16
	Village Electricity	2	1	0.00
	Rajasthan	110	35	946.46
23	Defence	1	1	504.11
	Drinking Water	11	0	0.00
	Irrigation	2	1	91.20
	Mining	3	0	0.00
	Others	8	3	155.91
	Railway	3	0	0.00
	Rehabilitation	1	0	0.00
	Road	55	20	86.02
	Transmission Line	26	10	109.22
		Sikkim	39	2
24	Defence	7	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	2	0	0.00
	Hydel	1	0	0.00
	Others	7	0	0.00
	Railway	1	0	0.00
	Road	17	2	12.04
	Transmission Line	4	0	0.00
	Tamil Nadu	23	2	29.52
25	Drinking Water	2	0	0.00
	Hydel	1	0	0.00
	Irrigation	1	1	26.17
	Mining	1	0	0.00
	Others	6	0	0.00
	Road	8	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	4	1	3.35
	Telangana	138	11	5137.38
26	Borehole Prospecting	1	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	67	0	0.00
	Irrigation	9	2	3174.89
	Mining	6	0	0.00
	Others	7	2	2.86
	Quarrying	1	1	4.63
	Railway	3	0	0.00
	Rehabilitation	1	0	0.00
	Road	27	1	0.25
	School	1	0	0.00

	Thermal	2	1	1892.35
	Transmission Line	12	3	62.10
	Village Electricity	1	1	0.30
27	Tripura	36	3	21.15
	Defence	3	0	0.00
	Industry	1	0	0.00
	Mining	14	0	0.00
	Others	3	1	10.14
	Road	4	1	3.33
	Transmission Line	11	1	7.68
28	Uttar Pradesh	318	0	0.00
	Defence	4	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	3	0	0.00
	Irrigation	8	0	0.00
	Others	123	0	0.00
	Railway	15	0	0.00
	Road	120	0	0.00
	Thermal	1	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	43	0	0.00
	Village Electricity	1	0	0.00
29	Uttarakhand	653	89	937.21
	Defence	3	0	0.00
	Dispensary/Hospital	2	0	0.00
	Drinking Water	8	3	4.04
	Hydel	4	0	0.00
	Irrigation	6	1	0.09
	Mining	2	0	0.00
	Others	63	15	20.52
	Railway	2	2	564.02
	Road	538	61	323.22
	School	2	0	0.00
	Transmission Line	8	2	6.31
	Village Electricity	15	5	19.02
30	West Bengal	14	2	28.68
	Defence	1	0	0.00
	Hydel	1	0	0.00
	Mining	1	0	0.00
	Others	3	0	0.00
	Road	4	0	0.00

School	1	0	0.00
Transmission Line	3	2	28.68
Grand Total	4552	1280	20314.12