

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 220
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.02.2022

Data on State of Forest Report 2021

220 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) whether as per the India State of Forest Reports 2021 released recently, forest cover in the country has increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of States where forest cover has depleted in comparison to previous year/years; and
- (d) the details of reasons for decline in forest cover in some States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) & (b) As per recently released India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, there is an overall increase of 1540 square kilometre of forest cover at the national level as compared to the previous assessment i.e. ISFR 2019. The details of State and Union Territory wise forest cover are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) & (d) The details of States showing decline in forest cover in comparison to previous assessment (ISFR 2019) are given at **Annexure-II**. The loss in forest cover in some States may be attributed mainly to natural calamities, anthropogenic pressures, developmental activities and shifting cultivation etc.

Annexure-I

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 220
due for answer on 03.02.2022 regarding 'Data on State of Forest Report-2021'**

State and Union Territory wise details of forest cover as per ISFR 2021

(Area in square kilometre)

S. No.	State/UTs		Graphical Area (GA)	Total Forest Cover	Percentage of Geographical area	Change in Forest Cover w.r.t ISFR 2019
1	Andhra Pradesh		1,62,968	29,784	18.28	647
2	Arunachal Pradesh		83,743	66,431	79.33	-257
3	Assam		78,438	28,312	36.09	-15
4	Bihar		94,163	7,381	7.84	75
5	Chhattisgarh		1,35,192	55,717	41.21	106
6	Delhi		1,483	195.00	13.15	-0.44
7	Goa		3,702	2,244	60.62	7
8	Gujarat		1,96,244	14,926	7.61	69
9	Haryana		44,212	1,603	3.63	1
10	Himachal Pradesh		55,673	15,443	27.73	9
11	Jharkhand		79,716	23,721	29.76	110
12	Karnataka		1,91,791	38,730	20.19	155
13	Kerala		38,852	21,253	54.70	109
14	Madhya Pradesh		3,08,252	77,493	25.14	11
15	Maharashtra		3,07,713	50,798	16.51	20
16	Manipur		22,327	16,598	74.34	-249
17	Meghalaya		22,429	17,046	76.00	-73
18	Mizoram		21,081	17,820	84.53	-186
19	Nagaland		16,579	12,251	73.90	-235
20	Odisha		1,55,707	52,156	33.50	537
21	Punjab		50,362	1,847	3.67	-2
22	Rajasthan		3,42,239	16,655	4.87	25
23	Sikkim		7,096	3,341	47.08	-1
24	Tamil Nadu		1,30,060	26,419	20.31	55
25	Telangana		1,12,077	21,214	18.93	632
26	Tripura		10,486	7,722	73.64	-4
27	Uttar Pradesh		2,40,928	14,818	6.15	12
28	Uttarakhand		53,483	24,305	45.44	2
29	West Bengal		88,752	16,832	18.96	-70
30	A & N Islands		8,249	6,744	81.75	1
31	Chandigarh		114	22.88	20.07	0.85
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu		602	227.75	37.83	0.10
33	Jammu & Kashmir	Shape file Area* (54,624)	2,22,236	21,387	39.15	29
34	Ladakh	Shape file Area* (1,68,055)		2,272	1.35	18
35	Lakshadweep		30	27.10	90.33	0.00
36	Puducherry		490	53.30	10.88	0.89
Total			32,87,469	7,13,789	21.71	1,540

* Area of shape file provided by Survey of India (August, 2021). Notified geographical areas for individual UTs from SOI are awaited.

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