

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 221**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.02.2022

**Credibility of State of Forest Report 2021**

221 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the data used by Forest Survey of India (FSI) in the State of Forest report is not in public domain;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reason therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the data used is not verifiable;
- (d) whether Government will provide data that is in public domain and verifiable; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) The Forest Survey of India procures satellite imagery data from National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad on payment basis. This data cannot be placed in public domain due to restrictions from NRSC.
- (c) The data used in satellite imagery is from NRSC. Anybody can directly procure this data from NRSC for verification.
- (d) & (e) As per present data policy of NRSC, the data cannot be placed in the public domain.

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