

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Forest cover in Madhya Pradesh

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

- (a) whether the State of Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country and also contributes towards improvement of the environment;
- (b) if so, whether the Central Government has any plan regarding special budget provision for contribution towards improvement of environment in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details of this plan?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest cover of the country biennially since 1987 and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). As per latest ISFR 2021, Madhya Pradesh is having the largest forest cover in the country which is 77,493 square kilometre.

(b)& (c) The Ministry provides financial support to the State of Madhya Pradesh towards improvement of forest and environment under centrally sponsored scheme namely National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana and under CAMPA fund. GIM is one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change for protecting, restoring and enhancing India's forest cover and responding to Climate Change by undertaking plantation activities in the forest and non-forest areas. GIM activities were started in the FY 2015-16. So, far a sum of Rs. 91.03 Crores have been released to the State of Madhya Pradesh for taking up the afforestation & Eco restoration activities over an area of 35617 hectare. Further, Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAMPA fund) are being utilized by States/UTs for undertaking various afforestation activities and forest & wildlife protection activities as per approved Annual Plan of Operations for compensating the loss of forest & tree cover. The fund transferred to the State CAMPA of Madhya Pradesh under CAMPA fund is Rs.6187.52 Crore during 2019 to 2022. Under Nagar Van Yojana, Rs. 11.75 Crore has been released to the State of Madhya Pradesh for creation of 16 Nagar Vans during 2022-23.
