

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2460
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

Protection and monitoring of forests, wildlife and forest resources

2460. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to invest in the protection and monitoring of forests, wildlife, forest resources etc;
- (b) if so, whether Government will go ahead with drone surveillance and other technical investment for this;
- (c) the details of projects launched by Government under various development works for the protection of environment and forests in Maharashtra during the last three years alongwith the amount of expenditure incurred on each said work; and
- (d) the details of the works done by the Green India Mission in Maharashtra during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change provides technical and financial assistance to the States/UTs for the conservation and protection of forests and wildlife under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme, Development of Wildlife Habitats, Green India Mission and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.
- (b) Under the Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme various technologies are being promoted for prevention, control and mitigation of forest fire by use of advanced firefighting equipments, including through drones for surveillance and monitoring of forest fires.
- (c) The funds released to the State of Maharashtra under Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme, under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and CSS: Development of Wildlife Habitats from 2020-21 to 2022-23 is given at **Annexure-I, II and III** respectively.
- (d) Green India Mission aims at protection, restoring and enhancing India's forest cover by restoring degraded forest lands and undertaking afforestation activities in the forest and non-

forest areas. The Ministry has released Rs. 10.30 Crore in the FY 2018-19 to carry out various afforestation activities as per the approved Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) in the selected landscapes namely Alibag, Bhore, Pune, Dhule through Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC). As per the report received from State Government of Maharashtra, the details of works done under the Green India Mission in Maharashtra during the last three years is given at **Annexure-IV**.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2460 due for reply on 10.08.2023 regarding 'Protection and monitoring of forests, wildlife and forest resources'.

The details of fund released to Maharashtra under Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme from (2020-21 to 2022-23)

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl.No.	Name of States/UTs	Amount Released (2020-21 to 2022-23)
1.	Maharashtra	8.51

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2460 due for reply on 10.08.2023 regarding 'Protection and monitoring of forests, wildlife and forest resources'.

The details of fund released to Maharashtra under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority from (2020-21 to 2022-23)

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl.No.	Name of States/UTs	Amount Released (2020-21 to 2022-23)
1.	Maharashtra	285.22

Annexure-III

Annexure referred to part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2460 due for reply on 10.08.2023 regarding 'Protection and monitoring of forests, wildlife and forest resources'.

The details of fund transferred to Maharashtra under CSS: Development of Wildlife Habitats' from (2020-21 to 2022-23)

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl.No.	Name of States/UTs	Amount Released (2020-21 to 2022-23)
1.	Maharashtra	4.96

Annexure-IV

Annexure referred to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2460 due for reply on 10.08.2023 regarding ‘Protection and monitoring of forests, wildlife and forest resources’.

The details of works done under the Green India Mission in Maharashtra during the last three years (2020-21 to 2022-23)

Item of work	Year	Allocation of funds (Rs. In lakh)	Achievements (in ha)
Maintenance of plantation	2020-21	Nil	
	2021-22	Nil	
	2022-23	416.34	3303