

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

Survey of forest resources

53. SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether Government is deliberating on conducting a survey of forest resources and forest area across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the techniques likely to be used by Government for survey of forests; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of the country's Forest Cover using Remote Sensing technology supported by ground truthing since 1987. The results of the exercise are published in the India State of Forest Report (ISFR). FSI has published 18 India State of Forest Reports (ISFR) so far. The latest report published is ISFR-2021.

(b) & (c) Forest Survey of India carries out assessment of forest resources of the country using Remote Sensing Technology involving analysis of LISS-III satellite data (23.5 m resolution), supported by ground truthing.
