

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO: 108**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024

**Decline in forest cover**

108\* DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

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

- (a) the details of the measures being taken by Government to check the continuous decline in forest cover;
- (b) whether any schemes have been formulated by Government for the same; and
- (c) the details of the budget allocated for the purpose during the last three years, scheme-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

- (a) to (c) The statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**Statement refer to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 108 due for reply on 01.08. 2024 regarding ‘Decline in Forest cover’ by Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:**

- (a) 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 the India State of Forest Report (ISFR). The forest cover assessment is a wall-to-wall mapping exercise based on remote sensing supported by intensive ground verification and field data from the National Forest Inventory. As per the latest ISFR 2021, the total forest cover of the country is 7,13,789 square kilometre which is 21.71% of the geographical area of the country. The forest cover of the country continuously increased in past decade. An increase of 21,762 square kilometer in forest cover has been recorded in the assessment of ISFR 2021 compared to ISFR 2011.
- (b) and (c) To further increase the forest cover in the country, the Government has provided funds under various schemes and programmes such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) and Eco-Task Force (ETF) etc. These funds support the efforts of the States and UTs for ecological restoration through afforestation in and outside forest areas, forest landscape restoration, habitat improvement, soil and water conservation measures, and protection etc. The funds released by the Ministry for this purpose during the last three years under the Green India Mission, CAMPA, Development of Wildlife Habitats, Nagar Van Yojana and Eco-task Force are enclosed at Annexure.

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) and (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 108 due for answer on 01.08.2024 regarding 'Decline in Forest cover'**

**Details of funds released under various schemes for the last three years for increasing the forest cover**

**(Rs. In Crores)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Schemes</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
1	National Mission for a Green India (GIM)	156.46	137.29	112.28
2	Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA)	9161.15	8481.34	7293.23
3	Development of Wildlife Habitats (DWH)	87.56	56.49	95.89
4	Nagar Van Yojana (NVY)	112.41	93.25	93.90
5	Eco-Task Force (ETF)	110.00	80.00	64.34
<b>Total</b>		<b>9627.58</b>	<b>8848.37</b>	<b>7659.64</b>

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