

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Conservation and expansion of forest areas

1172. SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

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

- (a) whether there are any plans for conservation and expansion of forest areas in the country; and
- (b) whether any positive results have been noticed in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) For the conservation and expansion of forest areas and cover, the Government provides 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), Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) 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.

(b) As per the latest Indian State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2021 published by Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, the total forest and tree cover of the country is 8,09,537 square kilometer which is 24.62% of the geographical area. As per ISFR, 2021, the total forest and tree cover has increased by 2261 square kilometers as compared to the previous assessment of ISFR 2019.
