

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 387
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

Loss of forest cover

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

- (a) whether there is data on the total forest area burnt and lost in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof from 2014 onwards, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (c) The Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest resources of the country biennially since 1987 and the findings are published in the India State of Forest Report (ISFR). Till 2023-2024, no survey of burnt forest area has been made by the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.

However, the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun has carried out burnt scar assessment based on the requests received from the State Forest Departments of Kerala and Uttarakhand for the forest fire season 2021-2022 and of the State of Manipur for the forest fire season 2022-2023.

Approximately, 85.89 square kilometre was delineated as burnt scar in Kerala and 1781.39 square kilometre was delineated as burnt scar in Uttarakhand during the forest fire season 2021-2022. For the State of Manipur, approximately 861.32 square kilometre of burnt forest area was delineated during the forest fire season 2022-2023.
