

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2758**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024

**Increase in forest cover**

2758. SHRI GOLLA BABURAO:

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

- (a) the details of forest cover in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of increase/decrease in forest cover during the last three years;
- (c) the details of afforestation programmes being run by Government to increase forest cover in the country; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, carries out the assessment of forest cover biennially and the findings are published in the India State of Forest Report (ISFR). As per the ISFR 2021, the total forest cover of the country is 7,13,789 square kilometer which is 21.71% of the geographical area of the country. The State/ Union Territory wise details of forest cover in the country are given in **Annexure**.
- (b) As per ISFR 2021 assessment the forest cover has increased by 5,516 square kilometer at national level as compared to the assessment in ISFR 2017.
- (c) &(d) To increase the forest and tree cover, the Central Government provides financial support to the States and Union Territories under various schemes and programmes such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Development of Wildlife Habitats, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Nagar Van Yojana, Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI), etc.

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2758 due for answer on 19.12.2024 regarding ‘Increase in forest cover’**

State/Union Territory wise details of forest cover as per ISFR 2021

**(Area in square kilometer)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UTs</b>	<b>Geographical Area</b>	<b>Total ForestCover</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,62,968	29,784
2	Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	66,431
3	Assam	78,438	28,312
4	Bihar	94,163	7,381
5	Chhattisgarh	1,35,192	55,717
6	Delhi	1,483	195.00
7	Goa	3,702	2,244
8	Gujarat	1,96,244	14,926
9	Haryana	44,212	1,603
10	Himachal Pradesh	55,673	15,443
11	Jharkhand	79,716	23,721
12	Karnataka	1,91,791	38,730
13	Kerala	38,852	21,253
14	Madhya Pradesh	3,08,252	77,493
15	Maharashtra	3,07,713	50,798
16	Manipur	22,327	16,598
17	Meghalaya	22,429	17,046
18	Mizoram	21,081	17,820
19	Nagaland	16,579	12,251
20	Odisha	1,55,707	52,156
21	Punjab	50,362	1,847
22	Rajasthan	3,42,239	16,655
23	Sikkim	7,096	3,341
24	Tamil Nadu	1,30,060	26,419
25	Telangana	1,12,077	21,214
26	Tripura	10,486	7,722
27	Uttar Pradesh	2,40,928	14,818
28	Uttarakhand	53,483	24,305
29	West Bengal	88,752	16,832
30	A & N Islands	8,249	6,744
31	Chandigarh	114	22.88
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	602	227.75
33	Jammu & Kashmir		21,387
34	Ladakh	2,22,236	2,272
35	Lakshadweep	30	27.10
36	Puducherry	490	53.30
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32,87,469</b>	<b>7,13,789</b>