

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Status of forest area in Uttar Pradesh

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

- (a) total forest area of Uttar Pradesh, relative to its total geographical area, district- wise, year-wise details thereof in last five years;
- (b) whether there has been a decrease in forest area in Uttar Pradesh in the last five years district-wise details thereof;
- (c) afforestation and tree plantation activity in Uttar Pradesh to increase forest area in the last five years, year-wise and district-wise details thereof;
- (d) number of projects sanctioned under Nagar Van Yojana in Uttar Pradesh in the last five years; and
- (e) development of Nagar Van and Nagar Vartika in Uttar Pradesh in the last five years, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) & (b) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, carries out the assessment of forest and tree cover of the country biennially 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.

In ISFR, besides the forest and tree cover, growing stock, carbon stock, etc., the Forest Survey of India also publishes the Recorded Forest Area as reported by the States. In ISFR 2023, the Recorded Forest Area in the State of Uttar Pradesh has been reported 17,435 square kilometer which is 7.24% of its geographical area. The district-wise details of recorded forest area is not maintained by the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.

- (c) This Ministry provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for protection, conservation and management of forests in the country. For afforestation, the Ministry provides funds under various schemes and programmes such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme (FPM), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI). Afforestation is also carried out by the States/UTs under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

These funds support the efforts of States and Union Territories to enhance forest and tree cover through ecological restoration measures such as afforestation within and outside forest areas, forest landscape restoration, habitat improvement, soil and water conservation, protection activities, and other related interventions.

During the last five years, an amount of ₹5.43 crore under Green India Mission (GIM), ₹ 3.41 crore under FPM and ₹28 crore under Nagar Van Yojana has been released to the State of Uttar Pradesh. In addition, ₹1700.59 crore has been approved by the National Authority CAMPA to the State of Uttar Pradesh during last five years.

It is a result of the comprehensive action taken regarding protection and conservation of forests as well as afforestation efforts that the forest cover in the State of Uttar Pradesh has increased from 14,805.65 square kilometer in ISFR 2019 to 15,045.80 square kilometer in ISFR 2023 during the last five years.

- (d) & (e) Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) envisages developing 600 Nagar Van and 400 Nagar Vatika in the country during the period of 2020-21 to 2026-27 with an objective to significantly enhance the tree outside forests and green cover, enhancement of biodiversity and ecological benefits to the urban and peri-urban areas apart from improving quality of “life of city dwellers”. The Central grants from funds under National Authority of CAMPA are provided under the scheme to cover mainly the cost of fencing, soil-moisture conservation measures & related activities including plantation and maintenance cost. During the last five years, first instalment of ₹28 crore has been released for development of 33 Nagar Van projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh.
