

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1504**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026

**Status of afforestation**

1504. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilized for afforestation in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of States which have witnessed decreasing and increasing trends in forest cover during the period, State-wise and year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
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(a) The Ministry is undertaking afforestation and reforestation work through ongoing schemes such as the National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY), and the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI), among others. The Ministry also promotes mass plantation drives on occasions such as International Day of Forests, World Environment Day, Van Mahotsav, Wildlife Week, etc., and raises awareness through campaigns. The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, launched on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024, encourages citizens to plant trees in honour of one's mother. The State wise fund released and utilized during the last five years is given in **Annexure-1**.

(b) Periodic assessment of forest resources of the country based on robust scientific methodologies is a pre-requisite for monitoring of these resources and better planning for the forestry sector. Forest Survey of India, an organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, is mandated to carry out a regular assessment of forest resources of the country using satellite data and field based information and publish the results in a biennial report named as India state of Forest Report (ISFR). The State/UT-wise details of forest cover and changes, between reporting period of 2021 and 2023 as per India State of Forest Report 2023 is given in **Annexure-2**.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1504 due for reply on 12.02.2026 by Shri Neeraj Shekhar , regarding “Status of afforestation”

**Table: State/UT-wise details of funds released and utilized for afforestation, under National Mission for Green India, Nagar Van Yojana, and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes, schemes from 2022-23 to 2025-26:**

(Rs.in Crores)

S. No.	State/UT	Total (in Crore)	
		Funds Released	Funds Utilized
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	123.45	95.50
3	Arunachal Pradesh	24.17	32.61
4	Assam	-	-
5	Bihar	1.98	3.21
6	Chandigarh	0.13	-
7	Chhattisgarh	10.46	13.11
8	Goa	0.62	1.44
9	Gujarat	71.76	11.48
10	Haryana	63.83	44.50
11	Himachal Pradesh	3.19	9.01
12	Jammu & Kashmir	24.70	32.83
13	Jharkhand	19.94	16.66
14	Karnataka	29.79	10.21
15	Kerala	14.90	15.36
16	Madhya Pradesh	121.57	88.87
17	Maharashtra	1.94	1.78
18	Manipur	19.51	14.36
19	Meghalaya	2.43	-
20	Mizoram	85.18	77.90
21	Nagaland	26.81	19.66
22	Odisha	21.77	31.21
23	Punjab	11.73	10.27
24	Puducherry	1.94	-
25	Rajasthan	31.29	22.80
26	Sikkim	43.78	35.50
27	Tamil Nadu	6.30	-
28	Telangana	33.00	-
29	Tripura	1.51	3.53
30	Uttar Pradesh	14.91	4.22
31	Uttarakhand	86.37	89.43
32	West Bengal	7.01	2.19
<b>Total</b>		<b>905.95</b>	<b>687.62</b>

## Annexure-2

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1504 due for reply on 12.02.2026 by Shri Neeraj Shekhar , regarding “Status of afforestation”

**Table: State/UT-wise details of forest cover and change in forest cover:**

Area(sq km)

S. No.	State/UT's	Total Forest cover 2021	Total Forest cover 2023	Net change in forest cover
1	Andhra Pradesh	30223.62	30084.96	-138.66
2	Arunachal Pradesh	65972.74	65881.57	-91.17
3	Assam	28325.31	28313.55	-11.76
4	Bihar	7403.26	7532.45	129.19
5	Chhattisgarh	55830.88	55811.75	-19.13
6	Goa	2267.22	2265.72	-1.50
7	Gujarat	14836.57	15016.64	180.07
8	Haryana	1628.22	1614.26	-13.96
9	Himachal Pradesh	15525.62	15580.35	54.73
10	Jharkhand	23706.97	23765.78	58.81
11	Karnataka	39106.57	39254.27	147.70
12	Kerala	21925.94	22059.36	133.42
13	Madhya Pradesh	77444.98	77073.44	-371.54
14	Maharashtra	50913.00	50858.53	-54.47
15	Manipur	16640.29	16585.46	-54.83
16	Meghalaya	16996.84	16966.84	-30
17	Mizoram	17748.73	17990.46	241.73
18	Nagaland	12274.36	12222.47	-51.89
19	Odisha	52281.67	52433.56	151.89
20	Punjab	1846.54	1846.09	-0.45
21	Rajasthan	16632.01	16548.21	-83.8
22	Sikkim	3353.21	3358.40	5.19
23	Tamil Nadu	26511.18	26450.22	-60.69
24	Telangana	212798.46	21179.04	-100.42
25	Tripura	7680.08	7584.77	-95.31
26	Uttar Pradesh	14927.37	15045.80	118.43
27	Uttarakhand	24326.81	24303.83	-22.98
28	West Bengal	16782.11	16832.33	50.22
29	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	6736.94	6732.92	-4.02
30	Chandigarh	23.80	25.00	1.20
31	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	225.94	225.62	-0.32
32	Delhi (NCT of Delhi)	195.36	195.28	-0.08
33	Jammu and Kashmir	21262.84	21346.39	83.55

34	Ladakh	2278.55	2285.92	7.37
35	Lakshadweep	27.06	27.06	0
36	Puducherry	44.15	44.31	0.16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>715186.20</b>	<b>715342.61</b>	<b>156.41</b>