

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

Assessment of forest area

4384. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government publishes any official report that provides data on the percentage of land under forest cover for India and for individual States;
- (b) if so, the details of the latest report such as the India State of Forest Report, including the percentage of forest cover and tree cover at national and State levels; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether there is any proposal to establish comprehensive monitoring framework for the same?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) 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 and is published at national and State levels.

As per ISFR 2023, the forest and tree cover of the country is 8,27,357 square kilometer which is 25.17% of the total geographical area of the country. The State/UT wise details of forest and tree cover in the country is given in **Annexure**.

Annexure referred to in reply of (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4384 due for answer on 02.04.2026 regarding 'Assessment of forest area' asked by Shri Sant Balbir Singh:

State/UT wise forest and tree cover as per ISFR 2023 (Area in Square kilometre)				
S.No.	State /UT	Geographical Area (GA)	Forest and Tree Cover	Percentage of forest and tree cover
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,62,922.57	35,424.98	21.74
2	Arunachal Pradesh	83,743.22	67,083.20	80.11
3	Assam	78,438.00	30,415.01	38.78
4	Bihar	94,163.00	9,902.66	10.52
5	Chhattisgarh	1,35,192.00	62,350.45	46.12
6	Delhi	1,483.00	371.31	25.04
7	Goa	3,702.00	2,523.54	68.17
8	Gujarat	1,96,244.00	21,648.93	11.03
9	Haryana	44,212.00	3,307.28	7.48
10	Himachal Pradesh	55,673.00	16,435.42	29.52
11	Jharkhand	79,716.00	27,403.33	34.38
12	Karnataka	1,91,791.00	47,033.42	24.52
13	Kerala	38,852.00	24,965.30	64.26
14	Madhya Pradesh	3,08,252.11	85,723.58	27.81
15	Maharashtra	3,07,713.00	65,383.41	21.25
16	Manipur	22,327.00	16,795.28	75.22
17	Meghalaya	22,429.00	17,687.40	78.86
18	Mizoram	21,081.00	18,558.26	88.03
19	Nagaland	16,579.00	12,616.49	76.10
20	Odisha	1,55,707.00	58,597.01	37.63
21	Punjab	50,362.00	3,321.24	6.59
22	Rajasthan	3,42,238.99	27,389.33	8.00
23	Sikkim	7,096.00	3,406.73	48.01
24	Tamil Nadu	1,30,060.00	31,820.94	24.47
25	Telangana	1,12,122.44	24,696.70	22.03
26	Tripura	10,486.00	7,832.33	74.69
27	Uttar Pradesh	2,40,927.56	23,996.72	9.96
28	Uttarakhand	53,483.36	25,534.97	47.74
29	West Bengal	88,752.00	19,770.45	22.28
30	A & N Islands	8,249.00	6,759.89	81.95
31	Chandigarh	114.00	46.18	40.51
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	602.00	262.45	43.60
33	Jammu & Kashmir	2,22,236.00	25,013.36	12.69
34	Ladakh		3,178.94	
35	Lakshadweep	29.63	27.26	92.00
36	Puducherry	490.00	73.20	14.94
Total		32,87,468.88	8,27,356.95	25.17

