

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1088
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016

Forest Conservation

1088. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to ensure protection, preservation conservation and growth of forests in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and salient features thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the forest cover across the country, as on date;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the shrinking of forests and the problems connected therewith in the country, if so, the details and outcome thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (d) the salient features of the Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS) along with the details of the funds provided to the State Governments under the said scheme for forest management and protection across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) & (b) Protection, preservation and conservation of forests is primarily the responsibility of State/Union Territory Governments. However, the Ministry support the efforts of State/Union Territory Governments to protect, conserve and manage the forests. Financial assistance is provided to States and Union Territories for various forest conservation and protection measures under Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Intensification of Forest Management Scheme, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat, Project Tiger etc. Further, to increase the forest cover in the country, afforestation programme is taken up under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as National Afforestation Programme, Green India Mission, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), the Watershed Development Component of the “Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)” and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). The State and Union Territory wise figures of Forest Cover in the country as per India State of Forest Report 2015 are at Annexure-I.

- (c) Forest Survey of India, Dehradun assesses Forest Cover of on a biennial basis and the results are published in India State of Forest Report. As per the India State of Forest Report 2015, the forest cover of India is 701673 sq. km which is an increase of 3775 sq. km as compared to India State of Forest Report 2013.
- (d) & (e) Under the Centrally Sponsored Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS), financial assistance is provided to States and Union Territories for protection and management of forests. Funds under the scheme are largely utilized for patrolling of the forests, establishment of camps, watch towers for detection and monitoring of forest fires, creation and maintenance of fire lines, survey and demarcation of forest areas, strengthening forest infrastructure and preparation of Working Plans.

The details of funds provided to the States and Union Territories under the Intensification of Forest Management Scheme for forest management and protection across the country during each of the last three years and current year are at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY OF PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1088 DUE FOR 22.11.2016 REGARDING FOREST CONSERVATION ASKED BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB AND SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE

(Area in square km)

States/UTs	Geographical Area	Total Forest	Percentage of geographical area
Andhra Pradesh	160,204	24,424	15.25
Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	67,248	80.30
Assam	78,438	27,623	35.22
Bihar	94,163	7,288	7.74
Chhattisgarh	135,191	55,586	41.12
Delhi	1,483	188.77	12.73
Goa	3,702	2,224	60.08
Gujarat	196,022	14,660	7.48
Haryana	44,212	1,584	3.58
Himachal Pradesh	55,673	14,695	26.40
Jammu & Kashmir	222,236	22,988	10.34
Jharkhand	79,714	23,478	29.45
Karnataka	191,791	36,421	18.99
Kerala	38,863	19,239	49.50
Madhya Pradesh	308,245	77,462	25.13
Maharashtra	307,713	50,628	16.45
Manipur	22,327	16,994	76.11
Meghalaya	22,429	17,217	76.76
Mizoram	21,081	18,748	88.93
Nagaland	16,579	12,966	78.21
Odisha	155,707	50,354	32.34
Punjab	50,362	1,771	3.52
Rajasthan	342,239	16,171	4.73
Sikkim	7,096	3,357	47.31
Tamil Nadu	130,058	26,345	20.26
Telangana	114,865	21,591	18.80
Tripura	10,486	7,811	74.49
Uttar Pradesh	240,928	14,461	6.00
Uttarakhand	53,483	24,240	45.32
West Bengal	88,752	16,828	18.96
A&N Islands	8,249	6,751	81.84
Chandigarh	114	22.03	19.32
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	203	41.96
Daman & Diu	112	19.61	17.51
Lakshadweep	32	27.06	84.56
Puducherry	480	55.38	11.54
Grand Total	3,287,263	701,673	21.34

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY OF PART (d) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1088 DUE FOR 22.11.2016 REGARDING FOREST CONSERVATION ASKED BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB AND SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	States	2013-14 Released	2014-15 Released	2015-16 Released	2016-17 released (as on 17.11.2016)
Other States					
1	Andhra Pradesh	38.21	0.00	0.00	-
2	Bihar	43.32	0.00	59.09	88.59
3	Chhattisgarh	253.25	411.96	120.75	-
4	Gujarat	345.76	349.71	179.99	122.26
5	Goa	61.17	0.00	0.00	-
6	Haryana	153.64	149.56	77.86	93.91
7	Himachal Pradesh	364.41	365.90	302.16	331.36
8	Jammu & Kashmir	105.24	0.00	193.93	-
9	Jharkhand	254.88	303.03	83.62	-
10	Karnataka	324.47	266.54	228.19	203.27
11	Kerala	254.76	183.76	86.00	163.65
12	Madhya Pradesh	744.16	701.07	420.00	224.92
13	Maharashtra	95.96	228.02	447.32	298.06
14	Orissa	203.25	220.50	136.00	266.14
15	Punjab	-	0.00	77.00	0.00
16	Rajasthan	145.02	205.09	112.54	174.22
17	Tamil Nadu	-	0.00	203.02	74.29
18	Telangana	-	160.73	0.00	-
19	Uttar Pradesh	138.29	218.36	156.15	139.72
20	Uttarakhand	299.33	332.57	356.83	304.03
21	West Bengal	-	115.46	0.00	92.83
	Total	3825.12	4212.26	3240.45	2577.25
NE & Sikkim					
1	Assam	-	0.00	0.00	-
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	219.59	85.07	181.34
3	Manipur	294.86	0.00	240.76	100.02
4	Meghalaya	244.83	0.00	180.26	126.57
5	Mizoram	284.74	256.27	153.17	131.29
6	Nagaland	145.92	225.13	122.6	136.01
7	Sikkim	166.5	162.17	150.00	119.73
8	Tripura	131.8	243.84	147.19	190.76
	Total	1268.65	1107.00	1079.05	985.72
Union Territories					
1	A & N Islands	13.04	-	28.00	-
2	Chandigarh	-	-	3699.890	74.52
3	D&N Haveli	-	-	0.00	-
4	Daman & Diu	-	-	0.00	-
5	Lakshadweep	-	-	0.00	-
6	New Delhi	-	-	0.00	50.00
7	Pondicherry	-	37.77	0.00	-
	Total	13.04	37.77	64.99890	124.52
	Grand Total	5106.81	5357.03	4384.49890	3687.49