

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3071
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2017

Depletion of Natural Resources

3071. SHRI INNOCENT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any information regarding depletion of natural resources of forests of Western Ghats region and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any action to obtain factual information in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) to (c) No specific report regarding depletion of natural resources of forests of Western Ghats region has been received. However, out of the six States which are part of Western Ghats, five states have shown increase in forests cover as per the India State of Forest Report, 2015. State of Maharashtra has shown a slight decline of 4 square kilometer forest cover. Details are given at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3071 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.03.2017 REGARDING DEPLETION OF NATURAL RESOURCES ASKED BY SHRI INNOCENT

S. No.	States	Increase in forest cover in 2015 w.r.t 2013 (in sq. km.)
1.	Goa	5
2.	Gujarat	7
3.	Karnataka	289
4.	Kerala	1317
5.	Maharashtra	-4
6.	Tamil Nadu	2501