

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 732**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2017

**Losses due to Wildfire**

732. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

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

- (a) the names of the States in which wildfire broke out in forest areas during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) the reasons for the wildfire and the size of forest area in which loss of life and property occurred due to the wildfire;
- (c) whether the environment loss due to wild fire in forest areas has been assessed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to compensate the loss of forest area due to wildfire?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) This Ministry does not maintain the details in respect of number of forest fires. The State/UT wise number of forest fire alerts reported by Forest Survey of India, Dehradun in the last three years is at Annexure-I. Forest fires are generally reported from most of the States.
- (b) Most of the forest fires are man-made. The State / UT wise details of forest areas affected by forest fires are not maintained at the level of Ministry.
- (c) & (d) No such assessment of the environment loss due to wild fire has been done by the Ministry.
- (e) There are no specific steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government as such to compensate the loss of forest area due to wildfire.

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**ANNEXURE-I****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY OF PART (A) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 732 DUE FOR 07.02.2017 REGARDING LOSSES DUE TO WILDFIRE ASKED BY SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER****Table showing State / UT wise number of forest fires alerts in last three years.**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UTs</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Is.	96	1	24
2	Andhra Pradesh	2,458	1,075	1,699
3	Arunachal Pradesh	535	358	293
4	Assam	2,536	1,656	1,766
5	Bihar	140	45	321
6	Chandigarh	-	-	-
7	Chhattisgarh	1,018	1,272	2,808
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	-	-
9	Daman & Diu	-	-	-
10	Delhi	-	-	2
11	Goa	3	-	10
12	Gujarat	74	117	262
13	Haryana	5	6	43
14	Himachal Pradesh	32	22	199
15	Jammu & Kashmir	74	13	217
16	Jharkhand	202	457	740
17	Karnataka	424	295	831
18	Kerala	114	91	165
19	Lakshadweep	-	-	-
20	Madhya Pradesh	534	294	2,675
21	Maharashtra	702	721	1,874
22	Manipur	1,774	1,286	1,105
23	Meghalaya	1,123	1,373	966
24	Mizoram	2,189	2,468	1,318
25	Nagaland	886	722	678
26	Odisha	1,904	1,467	2,763
27	Puducherry	-	-	-
28	Punjab	20	7	45
29	Rajasthan	53	90	66
30	Sikkim	-	3	-
31	Tamil Nadu	284	95	113
32	Telangana	-	1,052	1,154
33	Tripura	1,160	476	346
34	Uttar Pradesh	218	130	691
35	Uttarakhand	379	207	1,501
36	West Bengal	116	138	142
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19,054</b>	<b>15,937</b>	<b>24,817</b>