

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3485**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2017

**Protected Forest Areas**

3485: SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:  
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) the details of protected forest areas as per the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of pending proposals for forest conservation projects from the States/UTs; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to increase the forest area of the country especially in States which are water stressed?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) The details of recorded forest area is annexed at 'A'
- (b) The detail of project from States/UTs pending with MoEF&CC is annexed at 'B'
- (c) The steps taken /being taken to increase the forest areas of the country especially the states which are water stressed :

In order to compensate the loss of forest areas due to diversion of forest land under Forest (conservation) Act 1980, creation and maintenance of compensatory afforestation has been carried out, so far, over an area of approx. 7,50,000 hectares since 1980, including the soil and moisture conservation works in various states.

**Annexure-A**

Recorded Forest Areas (RFAs) in States and UTs

States/ UTs	Geographical Area (GA)	RFA (as revised by SFDs)			Total RFA 2015	Per cent of GA
		RF	PF	Unclassed Forests		

<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	160,204	31,959	5,069	230	37,258	13.54
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	83,743	10,589	9,779	31,039	51,407	61.39
<b>Assam</b>	78,438	17,864 0	0	8,968	26,832	34.21
<b>Bihar</b>	94,163	693	5,799	1	6,493	6.9
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	135,191	25,782	24,036	9,954	59,772	44.21
<b>Delhi</b>	1,483	78	24	0	102	6.88
<b>Goa</b>	3,702	253	0	972	1,225	33.09
<b>Gujarat</b>	196,022	14,373	2,886	4,388	21,647	11.04
<b>Haryana</b>	44,212	249	1,158	152	1,559	3.53
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	55,673	1,898	33,130	2,005	37,033	66.52
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	222,236	17,643	2,551	36	20,230	910
<b>Jharkhand</b>	79,714	4,387	19,185	33	23,605	29.61
<b>Karnataka</b>	191,791	28,690	3,931	5,663	38,284	19.96
<b>Kerala*</b>	38,863	11,309	0	0	11,309	2910
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	308,245	61,886	31,098	1,705	94,689	30.72
<b>Maharashtra</b>	307,713	49,546	6,733	5,300	61,579	20.01
<b>Manipur</b>	22,327	1,467	4,171	11,780	17,418	78.01
<b>Meghalaya</b>	22,429	1,113	12	8,371	9,496	42.34
<b>Mizoram</b>	21,081	4,483	0	1,158	5,641	26.76
<b>Nagaland</b>	16,579	86	508	8,628	9,222	55.62
<b>Odisha</b>	155,707	26,329	15,525	16,282	58,136	3134
<b>Punjab</b>	50,362	44	1,137	1,903	3,084	612
<b>Rajasthan</b>	342,239	12,475	18,217	2,045	32,737	9.57
<b>Sikkim</b>	7,096	5,452	389	0	5,841	82.31
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	130,058	20,293	1,782	802	22,877	17.59
<b>Telangana</b>	114,865	20,353	5,939	612	26,904	23.42
<b>Tripura</b>	10,486	4,175	2	2,117	6,294	60.02
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	240,928	12,071	1,157	3,354	16,582	6.88
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	53,483	26,547	9,885	1,568	38,000	71.05
<b>West Bengal</b>	88,752	7,054	3,772	1,053	11,879	13.38
<b>A &amp; N Islands</b>	8,249	5,613	1,558	0	7,171	86.93
<b>Chandigarh</b>	114	32	0	3	35	30.7
<b>Dadra &amp; Nagar Have</b>	491	199	5	0	204	41.55
<b>Daman &amp; Diu</b>	112	o	0	8	8	7.14
<b>Lakshadweep</b>	32	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Puducherry</b>	480	0	2	11	13	2.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,287,263</b>	<b>424,985</b>	<b>209,440</b>	<b>130,141</b>	<b>764,566</b>	<b>23.26</b>

Source: State Forest Departments

\*The figure includes 295 sq km of proposed RF and 1838 sq km of deemed RF (Vested Forest and Ecologically Fragile Land).

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<b>Details of Proposals pending for Stage-I &amp; Stage-II approval under FC Act, 1980</b>					
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Pending for Stage-I</b>		<b>Pending for Stage-II</b>	
		<b>Pending with Ministry</b>	<b>Pending with State Govt.</b>	<b>Pending with Ministry</b>	<b>Pending with State Govt.</b>
1	Andaman and Nicobar		1		3
2	Andhra Pradesh	11	3	1	11
3	Arunachal Pradesh		2		19
4	Assam	1			5
5	Bihar	6			3
6	Chhattisgarh	8	5		43
7	Delhi		1		
8	Goa				3
9	Gujarat	16	4	1	20
10	Haryana	23	1	1	9
11	Himachal Pradesh	18	2		13
12	Jammu and Kashmir				1
13	Jharkhand	1	4		30
14	Karnataka	7	2	3	15
15	Kerala				1
16	Madhya Pradesh	14	5	4	66
17	Maharashtra	8	7	2	33
18	Manipur				2
19	Mizoram				5
20	Orissa	14	6	4	35
21	Punjab	12		3	9
22	Rajasthan	4	6	2	26
23	Sikkim		1		3
24	Tamil Nadu	3	1		3
25	Telangana	12	1	1	5
26	Tripura	1			1
27	Uttar Pradesh	3	13		10
28	Uttarakhand	44	1		13
29	West Bengal	0	0	0	2
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>206</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>389</b>