

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2030
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.12.2017

Forest Area in Jharkhand

2030. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

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

- (a) whether the forest area in Jharkhand is 29.45 per cent and a target has been fixed to increase this area to 33 per cent, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up any special institution for management of forest-resources, conducting studies, research on forest etc. in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and time by which the said institution is likely to be set up; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) Forest Survey of India, Dehradun carries out the assessment of forest cover of the Country after every two years and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report. The latest report in the series is India State of Forest Report- 2015. As per this report, the total forest cover in the State of Jharkhand is 23,478 square kilometers which is 29.45 percent of the total geographical area of the State. National Forest Policy, 1988 prescribes that a minimum of one-third of the total land area of the country should be under forest or tree cover to ensure environmental stability and maintenance of ecological balance including atmospheric equilibrium which are vital for sustenance of all lifeforms, human, animal and plant.
- (b) to (d) There is no proposal to set up any special institution for management of forest resources, conducting studies, research on forest etc. in the State of Jharkhand.
