

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1166**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2018

**Environmental Effect of Diversion of Land**

1166. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has diverted a vast area of land during the last one year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether due to this diversion there will be adverse effect on environment and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether the Government has taken enough care to protect the environment while giving permission clearing the proposals of diversion of land; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a)&(b) Forest land diverted during the last one year is 14777.62 ha. under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. List is attached at **Annexure-A**.
- (c), (d)&(e) While granting permission for diversion of forest land for non forestry use, all possible mitigation measures such as Compensatory Afforestation (CA), realization of Net Present Value (NPV), site inspection, wild life management plan, safety zone, soil and moisture conservation plan, catchment area treatment plan etc. ensured to minimize the detrimental effect of diversion of forest land on environment.

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**Annexure 'A' referred to in the answer to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1166 by DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA for written answer on 9th February, 2018.**

**Statement showing total forest area diverted (State/UT Wise) for non forestry purpose under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by MoEF&CC from 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017**

| <b><u>S. No.</u></b> | <b><u>STATE / UT</u></b> | <b><u>Forest Land Diverted (Ha.)</u></b> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1                    | Andhra Pradesh           | 1202.78                                  |
| 2                    | Arunachal Pradesh        | 222.86                                   |
| 3                    | Bihar                    | 414.04                                   |
| 4                    | Chhattisgarh             | 649.17                                   |
| 5                    | Goa                      | 41.59                                    |
| 6                    | Gujarat                  | 11.04                                    |
| 7                    | Haryana                  | 259.99                                   |
| 8                    | Himachal Pradesh         | 225.26                                   |
| 9                    | Jharkhand                | 25.17                                    |
| 10                   | Karnataka                | 320.10                                   |
| 11                   | Madhya Pradesh           | 1367.08                                  |
| 12                   | Maharashtra              | 1067.29                                  |
| 13                   | Manipur                  | 58.56                                    |
| 14                   | Meghalaya                | 4.82                                     |
| 15                   | Orissa                   | 809.43                                   |
| 16                   | Punjab                   | 566.45                                   |
| 17                   | Rajasthan                | 2025.38                                  |
| 18                   | Sikkim                   | 2.05                                     |
| 19                   | Tamil Nadu               | 0.76                                     |
| 20                   | Telangana                | 4876.18                                  |
| 21                   | Tripura                  | 3.33                                     |
| 22                   | Uttar Pradesh            | 4.20                                     |
| 23                   | Uttarakhand              | 511.48                                   |
| 24                   | West Bengal              | 108.64                                   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   |                          | <b>14777.62</b>                          |