

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 6533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2018

Forest Area in Chhattisgarh

6533. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

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

- (a) the total notified forest area in Chhattisgarh along with the measures being taken for development, upgradation and conservation of forest areas of the State;
- (b) whether encroachment and mining activities in large scale of the forest area in the State has caused damage to the environment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the cutting of forest has also been reported by the members of Forest Protection Committee; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per the information received from the Chhattisgarh Forest Department, total notified forest area in the Chhattisgarh is 59772.40 sq. km. The measures taken to develop, upgrade and conserve forest area include assisted natural regeneration and plantation in the degraded forest areas.
- (b) & (c) Large scale encroachment and mining activities have not been reported in forest area in recent past.
- (d) & (e) The cutting of forest has not been reported by the members of Forest Protection Committee.
