

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2842  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2018

**Notified Forest Area**

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

- (a) the total notified forest area in the country in each State especially Uttar Pradesh and its Hathras region along with the measures being taken for development, upgradation and conservation of forest areas of the State;
- (b) the cases of encroachments and mining activities pertaining to these areas notified during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether illegal forest/trees cutting instances have taken place in these areas during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) 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 India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2017, the total Recorded Forest Area (RFA) of the country is 7,67,419 square kilometers of which Uttar Pradesh has an area of 16582 square kilometers with Recorded Forest Area as per **Annexure 1**. The total district-wise forest cover of Uttar Pradesh including Mahamaya Nagar (Hathras region) is given in **Annexure-II**. The forest in the State is managed by State Forest Department as per the Working Plan for development, upgradation and conservation of forest area.
- (b), (c) & (d) The mining proposal approved under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in last three years alongwith area diverted is given in **Annexure-III**. As per information received from the State Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh, a total of 25802.079 hectare of forest area is under encroachment. The State Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh has also informed that no large scale illegal felling of trees has taken place in Hathras Forest Division. State/UT Governments take appropriate measures for protection of forest from various threats including encroachment and illegal felling which also includes legal measures as per the provisions of Indian Forest Act-1927, Wildlife Protection Act-1972 and various State specific Acts & Rules and regulations made there under. The State Government is competent to deal with illegal forest or tree cutting under Indian Forest Act-1927. The State Forest Departments are responsible for ensuring that trees are not felled illegally in the state and take appropriate action as per provisions of various Central and State Acts and rules and regulations made thereunder.

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## Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2842 due for answer on 03.08.2018 regarding 'Notified Forest Area'

## Recorded Forest Areas (RFAs) in States and UTs as per ISFR-2017.

(Area in sq km)

| State/ UT            | Geographical Area (GA) | RFA (as revised by SFDs) |                 |                   | Total RFA (2017) | % of GA      |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                      |                        | RF                       | PF              | Unclassed Forests |                  |              |
| Andhra Pradesh       | 162968                 | 31,959                   | 5069            | 230               | 37258            | 22.86        |
| Arunachal Pradesh    | 83,743                 | 10,589                   | 9,779           | 31,039            | 51,407           | 61.39        |
| Assam                | 78,438                 | 17,864                   | 0               | 8,968             | 26,832           | 34.21        |
| Bihar                | 94163                  | 693                      | 6183            | 1                 | 6877             | 7.30         |
| Chhattisgarh         | 135192                 | 25,782                   | 24036           | 9954              | 59772            | 44.21        |
| Delhi                | 1,483                  | 78                       | 24              | 0                 | 102              | 6.88         |
| Goa                  | 3,702                  | 253                      | 0               | 972               | 1225             | 33.09        |
| Gujarat              | 196,244                | 14,373                   | 2886            | 4388              | 21647            | 11.03        |
| Haryana              | 44,212                 | 249                      | 1158            | 152               | 1559             | 3.53         |
| Himachal Pradesh     | 55,673                 | 1,898                    | 33130           | 2005              | 37033            | 66.52        |
| Jammu & Kashmir      | 222,236                | 17,643                   | 2551            | 36                | 20230            | 9.10         |
| Jharkhand            | 79,716                 | 4,387                    | 19185           | 33                | 23605            | 29.61        |
| Karnataka            | 191,791                | 28,690                   | 3931            | 5663              | 38284            | 19.96        |
| Kerala               | 38,852                 | 11,309                   | 0               | 0                 | 11309            | 29.11        |
| Madhya Pradesh       | 308,252                | 61,886                   | 31098           | 1705              | 94689            | 30.72        |
| Maharashtra          | 307,713                | 49,546                   | 6733            | 5300              | 61579            | 20.01        |
| Manipur              | 22,327                 | 1,467                    | 4,171           | 11,780            | 17,418           | 78.01        |
| Meghalaya            | 22,429                 | 1,113                    | 12              | 8,371             | 9,496            | 42.34        |
| Mizoram              | 21,081                 | 4,483                    | 0               | 1,158             | 5,641            | 26.76        |
| Nagaland             | 16,579                 | 234                      | 0               | 8,389             | 8,623            | 52.01        |
| Odisha               | 155,707                | 36049                    | 25133           | 22                | 61204            | 39.31        |
| Punjab               | 50,362                 | 44                       | 1137            | 1903              | 3084             | 6.12         |
| Rajasthan            | 342,239                | 12475                    | 18217           | 2045              | 32737            | 9.57         |
| Sikkim               | 7,096                  | 5452                     | 389             | 0                 | 5,841            | 82.31        |
| Tamil Nadu           | 130,060                | 20293                    | 1782            | 802               | 22877            | 17.59        |
| Telangana            | 112,077                | 20353                    | 5939            | 612               | 26904            | 24.00        |
| Tripura              | 10,486                 | 4175                     | 2               | 2,117             | 6,294            | 60.02        |
| <b>Uttar Pradesh</b> | <b>240,928</b>         | <b>12071</b>             | <b>1157</b>     | <b>3354</b>       | <b>16582</b>     | <b>6.88</b>  |
| Uttarakhand          | 53,483                 | 26547                    | 9885            | 1568              | 38000            | 71.05        |
| West Bengal          | 88,752                 | 7054                     | 3772            | 1053              | 11879            | 13.38        |
| A&N Islands          | 8,249                  | 5613                     | 1558            | 0                 | 7171             | 86.93        |
| Chandigarh           | 114                    | 32                       | 0               | 3                 | 35               | 30.70        |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 491                    | 199                      | 5               | 0                 | 204              | 41.55        |
| Daman & Diu          | 111                    | 0                        | 0               | 8                 | 8                | 7.21         |
| Lakshadweep          | 30                     | 0                        | 0               | 0                 | 0                | 0.00         |
| Puducherry           | 490                    | 0                        | 2               | 11                | 13               | 2.65         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>32,87,469</b>       | <b>4,34,705</b>          | <b>2,19,432</b> | <b>1,13,881</b>   | <b>7,67,419</b>  | <b>23.34</b> |

Source: State Forest Departments

**Annexure II**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2842 due for answer on 03.08.2018 regarding 'Notified Forest Area'**

**District- wise Forest Cover in Uttar Pradesh as per ISFR-2017**

(area in sq km)

| District            | Geo-graphical Area | 2017 Assessment   |                   |             |       | % of GA | Change * | Scrub |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
|                     |                    | Very Dense Forest | Mod. Dense Forest | Open Forest | Total |         |          |       |
| Agra                | 4,041              | 0                 | 63                | 209         | 272   | 6.73    | 4        | 64    |
| Aligarh             | 3,650              | 0                 | 7                 | 60          | 67    | 1.84    | 2        | 1     |
| Allahabad           | 5,482              | 6                 | 26                | 95          | 127   | 2.32    | 20       | 36    |
| Ambedkarnagar       | 2,350              | 0                 | 1                 | 40          | 41    | 1.74    | 1        | 0     |
| Auraiya             | 2,016              | 0                 | 5                 | 36          | 41    | 2.03    | 3        | 9     |
| Azamgarh            | 4,054              | 0                 | 1                 | 49          | 50    | 1.23    | 0        | 0     |
| Baghpat             | 1,321              | 0                 | 5                 | 12          | 17    | 1.29    | -1       | 0     |
| Bahraich            | 5,237              | 240               | 156               | 153         | 549   | 10.48   | 2        | 9     |
| Ballia              | 2,981              | 0                 | 0                 | 22          | 22    | 0.74    | -1       | 0     |
| Balrampur           | 3,349              | 279               | 154               | 91          | 524   | 15.65   | 0        | 3     |
| Banda               | 4,408              | 0                 | 56                | 46          | 102   | 2.31    | 1        | 4     |
| Bara Banki          | 4,402              | 3                 | 6                 | 68          | 77    | 1.75    | -1       | 5     |
| Bareilly            | 4,120              | 0                 | 7                 | 38          | 45    | 1.09    | 1        | 0     |
| Basti               | 2,688              | 1                 | 6                 | 22          | 29    | 1.08    | -1       | 0     |
| Bijnor              | 4,561              | 39                | 215               | 148         | 402   | 8.81    | -15      | 4     |
| Budaun              | 5,168              | 0                 | 11                | 34          | 45    | 0.87    | 3        | 6     |
| Bulandshahr         | 4,512              | 0                 | 50                | 116         | 166   | 3.68    | -1       | 0     |
| Chandauli           | 2,541              | 7                 | 192               | 366         | 565   | 22.24   | 1        | 10    |
| Chitrakoot          | 3,216              | 81                | 319               | 186         | 586   | 18.22   | 14       | 37    |
| Deoria              | 2,540              | 0                 | 1                 | 14          | 15    | 0.59    | -1       | 0     |
| Etah                | 2,431              | 0                 | 1                 | 30          | 31    | 1.28    | -3       | 0     |
| Etawah              | 2,311              | 0                 | 62                | 180         | 242   | 10.47   | 21       | 40    |
| Faizabad            | 2,341              | 6                 | 10                | 70          | 86    | 3.67    | 7        | 0     |
| Farrukhabad         | 2,181              | 0                 | 14                | 33          | 47    | 2.15    | 0        | 2     |
| Fatehpur            | 4,152              | 0                 | 18                | 35          | 53    | 1.28    | 3        | 0     |
| Firozabad           | 2,407              | 0                 | 5                 | 44          | 49    | 2.04    | 0        | 24    |
| Gautam Buddha Nagar | 1,282              | 0                 | 5                 | 15          | 20    | 1.56    | 2        | 0     |
| Ghaziabad           | 1,179              | 0                 | 9                 | 17          | 26    | 2.21    | 1        | 0     |
| Ghazipur            | 3,377              | 0                 | 1                 | 28          | 29    | 0.86    | 0        | 0     |

| District                    | Geo-graphical Area | 2017 Assessment   |                   |             |           | % of GA     | Change *  | Scrub    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
|                             |                    | Very Dense Forest | Mod. Dense Forest | Open Forest | Total     |             |           |          |
| Gonda                       | 4,003              | 67                | 8                 | 39          | 114       | 2.85        | -2        | 0        |
| Gorakhpur                   | 3,321              | 28                | 23                | 28          | 79        | 2.38        | 3         | 0        |
| Hamirpur                    | 4,021              | 0                 | 80                | 147         | 227       | 5.65        | 50        | 14       |
| Hardoi                      | 5,986              | 0                 | 17                | 127         | 144       | 2.41        | 17        | 5        |
| Jalaun                      | 4,565              | 0                 | 61                | 188         | 249       | 5.45        | 4         | 36       |
| Jaunpur                     | 4,038              | 0                 | 11                | 56          | 67        | 1.66        | -1        | 0        |
| Jhansi                      | 5,024              | 0                 | 42                | 261         | 303       | 6.03        | 88        | 40       |
| JyotibaPhule Nagar          | 2,249              | 0                 | 25                | 61          | 86        | 3.82        | 1         | 0        |
| Kannauj                     | 2,093              | 0                 | 0                 | 28          | 28        | 1.34        | 1         | 0        |
| Kanpur Dehat                | 3,021              | 0                 | 3                 | 38          | 41        | 1.36        | -6        | 9        |
| Kanpur Nagar                | 3,155              | 0                 | 7                 | 59          | 66        | 2.09        | 2         | 3        |
| Kanshiram Nagar             | 1,955              | 0                 | 9                 | 59          | 68        | 3.48        | 4         | 0        |
| Kaushambi                   | 1,779              | 0                 | 5                 | 22          | 27        | 1.52        | 0         | 0        |
| Kheri <sup>T</sup>          | 7,680              | 805               | 158               | 311         | 1,274     | 16.59       | -24       | 4        |
| Kushinagar                  | 2,905              | 0                 | 2                 | 32          | 34        | 1.17        | -1        | 0        |
| Lalitpur                    | 5,039              | 0                 | 129               | 458         | 587       | 11.65       | 15        | 31       |
| Lucknow                     | 2,528              | 0                 | 162               | 203         | 365       | 14.44       | 39        | 2        |
| <b>Mahamaya Nagar</b>       | <b>1,840</b>       | <b>0</b>          | <b>1</b>          | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> | <b>1.25</b> | <b>-1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Mahoba                      | 3,144              | 0                 | 21                | 149         | 170       | 5.41        | 77        | 62       |
| Mahrajganj                  | 2,952              | 259               | 101               | 69          | 429       | 14.53       | -2        | 0        |
| Mainpuri                    | 2,760              | 0                 | 1                 | 13          | 14        | 0.51        | -1        | 0        |
| Mathura                     | 3,340              | 0                 | 4                 | 56          | 60        | 1.8         | 5         | 3        |
| Mau                         | 1,713              | 0                 | 0                 | 11          | 11        | 0.64        | 0         | 0        |
| Meerut                      | 2,559              | 0                 | 34                | 34          | 68        | 2.66        | 1         | 0        |
| Mirzapur                    | 4,405              | 8                 | 290               | 507         | 805       | 18.27       | -33       | 47       |
| Moradabad                   | 3,718              | 0                 | 5                 | 23          | 28        | 0.75        | -1        | 0        |
| Muzaffarnagar               | 4,008              | 0                 | 14                | 26          | 40        | 1           | 1         | 0        |
| Pilibhit                    | 3,686              | 471               | 86                | 131         | 688       | 18.67       | -11       | 2        |
| Pratapgarh                  | 3,717              | 0                 | 29                | 73          | 102       | 2.74        | 6         | 2        |
| Rae Bareli                  | 4,609              | 0                 | 4                 | 89          | 93        | 2.02        | -7        | 1        |
| Rampur                      | 2,367              | 4                 | 26                | 45          | 75        | 3.17        | 1         | 0        |
| Saharanpur                  | 3,689              | 0                 | 174               | 199         | 373       | 10.11       | -1        | 0        |
| SantKabir Nagar             | 1,646              | 0                 | 1                 | 13          | 14        | 0.85        | 0         | 1        |
| SantRavidas Nagar (Bhadohi) | 1,015              | 0                 | 0                 | 3           | 3         | 0.3         | 0         | 0        |
| Shahjahanpur                | 4,388              | 26                | 7                 | 28          | 61        | 1.39        | -1        | 1        |
| Shrawasti                   | 1,640              | 152               | 85                | 48          | 285       | 17.38       | -3        | 0        |
| Siddharthnagar              | 2,895              | 0                 | 8                 | 26          | 34        | 1.17        | 0         | 0        |
| Sitapur                     | 5,743              | 0                 | 19                | 190         | 209       | 3.64        | -7        | 6        |
| Sonbhadra                   | 6,905              | 130               | 967               | 1,442       | 2,539     | 36.77       | -17       | 28       |

| District     | Geo-graphical Area | 2017 Assessment   |                   |              |               | % of GA     | Change *   | Scrub      |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|
|              |                    | Very Dense Forest | Mod. Dense Forest | Open Forest  | Total         |             |            |            |
| Sultanpur    | 4,436              | 5                 | 15                | 184          | 204           | 4.6         | 18         | 0          |
| Unnao        | 4,558              | 0                 | 28                | 222          | 250           | 5.48        | 1          | 0          |
| Varanasi     | 1,535              | 0                 | 1                 | 16           | 17            | 1.11        | 1          | 0          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,40,928</b>    | <b>2,617</b>      | <b>4,069</b>      | <b>7,993</b> | <b>14,679</b> | <b>6.09</b> | <b>278</b> | <b>551</b> |

\*Change compared to updated 2015 assessment.



**Annexure III**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2842 due for answer on 03.08.2018 regarding 'Notified Forest Area'**

| <b>Statement Showing Cases (State wise and Calander Year wise) For Diversion Of Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in last three years and the current year</b> |                      |  |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |
|--|----------------------|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Category : <b><u>Mining</u></b>  |                      | During the Period : <b><u>01/01/2015 to 01/08/2018</u></b> |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |
| Case Status : <b><u>Stage-II</u></b>   |                      |  |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |
| S. No.   | STATE/UT             | 2015   |               | 2016         |               | 2017         |               | 2018         |               | Total        |               |
|  |                      | No. of Cases   | Area Diverted | No. of Cases | Area Diverted | No. of Cases | Area Diverted | No. of Cases | Area Diverted | No. of Cases | Area Diverted |
| 1  | Andaman and Nicobar  | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 2  | Andhra Pradesh       | 2  | 1220          | 3            | 13            | 2            | 9             | 0            | 0             | 7            | 1241.69       |
| 3  | Arunachal Pradesh    | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 4  | Assam                | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 5  | Bihar                | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 6  | Chandigarh           | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 7  | Chhattisgarh         | 5  | 895           | 2            | 292           | 4            | 502           | 3            | 393           | 14           | 2083.13       |
| 8  | Dadar & Nagar Haveli | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 9  | Daman and Diu        | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 10   | Delhi                | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 11   | Goa                  | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 1            | 17            | 0            | 0             | 1            | 17.31         |
| 12   | Gujarat              | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 13   | Haryana              | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 14   | Himachal Pradesh     | 1  | 84            | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 1            | 84.36         |
| 15   | Jammu and Kashmir    | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 16   | Jharkhand            | 1  | 75            | 3            | 239           | 0            | 0             | 1            | 0             | 5            | 314.16        |
| 17   | Karnataka            | 1  | 1             | 3            | 147           | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 4            | 147.65        |
| 18   | Kerala               | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 19   | Lakshadweep          | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0            | 0.00          |
| 20   | Madhya Pradesh       | 3  | 73            | 5            | 231           | 3            | 210           | 2            | 535           | 13           | 1049.72       |
| 21   | Maharashtra          | 0  | 0             | 0            | 0             | 6            | 482           | 0            | 0             | 6            | 482.00        |

| S. No.       | STATE/UT      | 2015         |                | 2016         |                | 2017         |                | 2018         |                | Total        |                 |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|              |               | No. of Cases | Area Diverted  | No. of Cases | Area Diverted  | No. of Cases | Area Diverted  | No. of Cases | Area Diverted  | No. of Cases | Area Diverted   |
| 22           | Manipur       | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 23           | Meghalaya     | 1            | 138            | 0            | 0              | 1            | 5              | 0            | 0              | 2            | 142.93          |
| 24           | Mizoram       | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 25           | Nagaland      | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 26           | Orissa        | 6            | 902            | 8            | 737            | 4            | 632            | 6            | 1479           | 24           | 3750.00         |
| 27           | Pondicherry   | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 28           | Punjab        | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 29           | Rajasthan     | 1            | 115            | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 1            | 114.94          |
| 30           | Sikkim        | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 31           | Tamil Nadu    | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 32           | Telangana     | 1            | 477            | 1            | 10             | 4            | 1443           | 1            | 125            | 7            | 2055.30         |
| 33           | Tripura       | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 34           | Uttar Pradesh | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0.00            |
| 35           | Uttarakhand   | 0            | 0              | 1            | 35             | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0              | 1            | 35.36           |
| 36           | West Bengal   | 0            | 0              | 2            | 168            | 2            | 90             | 0            | 0              | 4            | 257.95          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |               | <b>22</b>    | <b>3980.49</b> | <b>28</b>    | <b>1872.97</b> | <b>27</b>    | <b>3389.87</b> | <b>13</b>    | <b>2533.16</b> | <b>90</b>    | <b>11776.49</b> |