

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 598
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

Forest Land

598. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of forest land out of total land in terms of percentage in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open Indian Institute of Forest Management in Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (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 (ISFR)- 2017. As per this report, the total forest and tree cover in the State of Jharkhand is 26,475 square kilometers which is 33.22 percent of the total geographical area of the State. The details of forest and tree cover in terms of percentage, State/UT-wise as per ISFR-2017 is given in **Annexure I** and **II** respectively.
- (b) & (c) There is no proposal at present to open Indian Institute of Forest Management in the State of Jharkhand.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 598 due for answer on 20.07.2018 regarding 'Forest Land'

Forest Cover in States/UTs as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR) -2017.

(Area in square kilometers)

State	Geographic Area	Total Forest cover as per ISFR-2017	Forest cover percentage w.r.t geographic area of State
Andhra Pradesh	162968	28,147	17.27
Arunachal Pradesh	83743	66,964	79.96
Assam	78438	28,105	35.83
Bihar	94163	7,299	7.75
Chhattisgarh	135192	55,547	41.09
Delhi	1483	192.41	12.97
Goa	3702	2,229	60.21
Gujarat	196244	14,757	7.52
Haryana	44212	1,588	3.59
Himachal Pradesh	55673	15,100	27.12
Jammu & Kashmir *	222236	23,241	10.46
Jharkhand	79716	23,553	29.55
Karnataka	191791	37,550	19.58
Kerala	38852	20,321	52.30
Madhya Pradesh	308252	77,414	25.11
Maharashtra	307713	50,682	16.47
Manipur	22327	17,346	77.69
Meghalaya	22429	17,146	76.45
Mizoram	21081	18,186	86.27
Nagaland	16579	12,489	75.33
Odisha	155707	51,345	32.98
Punjab	50362	1837	3.65
Rajasthan	342239	16,572	4.84
Sikkim	7096	3,344	47.13
Tamil Nadu	130060	26,281	20.21
Telangana	112077	20,419	18.22
Tripura	10486	7,726	73.68
Uttar Pradesh	240928	14,679	6.09
Uttarakhand	53483	24,295	45.43
West Bengal	88752	16,847	18.98
A&N Islands	8249	6,742	81.73
Chandigarh	114	21.56	18.91
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	207	42.16
Daman & Diu	111	20.49	18.46
Lakshadweep	30	27.10	90.33
Puducherry	490	53.67	10.95
Grand Total	32,87,469	7,08,273	----

* Includes Jammu & Kashmir area outside LoC that is under illegal occupation of Pakistan and China.

The total forest cover of the country is 21.54% of geographical area.

Annexure II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 598 due for answer on 20.07.2018 regarding 'Forest Land.'

Tree Cover in States/UTs in India

(area in square kilometer)

State	Geographic Area	Total Tree cover as per ISFR-2017	Percent of Geographic area
Andhra Pradesh	162968	3,753	2.30
Arunachal Pradesh	83743	807	0.96
Assam	78438	1,496	1.91
Bihar	94163	2,263	2.40
Chhattisgarh	135192	3,833	2.84
Delhi	1483	113	7.62
Goa	3702	323	8.73
Gujarat	196244	8,024	4.09
Haryana	44212	1,415	3.20
Himachal Pradesh	55673	822	1.48
Jammu & Kashmir *	222236	7,815	3.52
Jharkhand	79716	2,922	3.67
Karnataka	191791	5,713	2.98
Kerala	38852	2,959	7.62
Madhya Pradesh	308252	8,073	2.62
Maharashtra	307713	9,831	3.19
Manipur	22327	220	0.99
Meghalaya	22429	657	2.93
Mizoram	21081	467	2.22
Nagaland	16579	379	2.29
Odisha	155707	3,993	2.56
Punjab	50362	1,622	3.22
Rajasthan	342239	8,266	2.42
Sikkim	7096	35	0.49
Tamil Nadu	130060	4,671	3.59
Telangana	112077	2,669	2.38
Tripura	10486	215	2.05
Uttar Pradesh	240928	7,442	3.09
Uttarakhand	53483	767	1.43
West Bengal	88752	2,136	2.41
A&N Islands	8249	35	0.42
Chandigarh	114	10	8.77
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	30	6.11
Daman & Diu	111	10	9.01
Lakshadweep	30	2	6.67
Puducherry	490	27	5.51
Grand Total	32,87,469	93,815	-----

* The total tree cover of the country is 2.85 percent of the total geographical area.