

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOKSABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3965**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021**

**Deforestation**

3965. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the trend of deforestation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of deforestation in hectares noticed since 2014, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote afforestation in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

- (a) & (b) The assessment of forest cover and tree cover of the country is carried out biennially by Forest Survey of India and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). ISFR-2019 is the latest report in the series. As per ISFR 2019, total Forest and Tree cover of the country is 8,07,276 square kilometers which is 24.56% of the geographical area of the country. State/UT-wise details of Forest and Tree cover as per ISFR-2015, ISFR-2017 and ISFR-2019 are provided in Annexure which show that overall at the national level Forest and Tree Cover has increased by 13,209 square kilometers between ISFR- 2015 and ISFR-2019.
- (c) Various schemes are being implemented by Central and State Government for increase in forest cover of the country. These include National Afforestation Programme, Green India Mission, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats and Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Afforestation activities are also taken up under various programmes/funding sources such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, Sub-Mission on Agro-Forestry, National Bamboo Mission Compensatory Afforestation Funds under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Afforestation activities are also taken up under various schemes of State Government /UT Administration.

The multi-departmental efforts have yielded good results in conserving and developing forest and tree cover as evident from the fact that the Forest and Tree cover as reported in the latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2019 has increased by 13,209 sq km as compared to that of ISFR 2015 assessment.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3965 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2021 REGARDING 'DEFORESTATION' ASKED BY SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN**

States/UTs	Forest Cover and Tree Cover (in square kilometre)		
	ISFR 2015	ISFR 2017	ISFR 2019
Andhra Pradesh	29,971	31,900	33,051
Arunachal Pradesh	67,915	67,771	67,536
Assam	29,151	29,601	29,735
Bihar	9,436	9,562	9,309
Chhattisgarh	59,188	59,380	59,859
Delhi	299.77	305.41	324
Goa	2,535	2552	2,509
Gujarat	22,624	22,781	21,769
Haryana	2,935	3,003	3,167
Himachal Pradesh	15,464	15,922	16,263
Jammu & Kashmir	31,342	31,056	31,556
Jharkhand	26,307	26,475	26,268
Karnataka	42,001	43,263	44,832
Kerala	22,229	23,280	24,080
Madhya Pradesh	85,199	85,487	85,821
Maharashtra	60,257	60,513	61,584
Manipur	17,326	17,566	17,020
Meghalaya	17,972	17,803	17,829
Mizoram	19,252	18,653	18,447
Nagaland	13,320	12,868	12,848
Odisha	54,446	55,338	56,267
Punjab	3,315	3,459	3,441
Rajasthan	24,375	24,838	24,742
Sikkim	3,388	3,379	3,378
Tamil Nadu	30,713	30,952	31,194
Telangana	22,403	23,088	23,096
Tripura	8,123	7,941	7,957
Uttar Pradesh	21,445	22,121	22,148
Uttarakhand	25,024	25,062	25,144
West Bengal	18914	18,983	18,908
A&N Islands	6,788	6,777	6,784
Chandigarh	30.66	31.56	47
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	234	237	235
Daman & Diu	29.61	30.49	25
Lakshadweep	31.06	29.1	27
Puducherry	83.95	80.67	75
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>794067</b>	<b>802088</b>	<b>8,07,276</b>