

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4133**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**Area of Forest Land**

4133. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:  
SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

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

- (a) the total area of forest land in Gujarat and Rajasthan at present;
- (b) the area which is required to be set aside as forest land in various districts of Gujarat and Rajasthan;
- (c) whether every district has requisite area of forestland at present;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the districts of Gujarat and Rajasthan which do not have the requisite forest area?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Forest Survey of India, Dehradun an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest cover of the country biennially and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). The forest cover assessment is a wall-to-wall mapping exercise based on remote sensing supported by intensive ground verification and field data from National Forest Inventory. As per the latest report i.e. ISFR- 2019, the total forest cover of the Gujarat is 14,857.33 square kilometre and that of Rajasthan is 16629.51 square kilometre which comprises of 7.57% and 4.86% respectively of the total geographical area of the State.
- (b) to (e) The National Forest Policy, 1988 provides that the national goal should be to have a minimum of one-third of the total land area of the country under forest or tree cover. In the hills and in mountainous regions, the aim should be to maintain two-third of the area under such cover in order to prevent erosion and land degradation and to ensure the stability of the fragile eco-system. This goal is a national level goal.  
The district-wise forest cover of Gujarat and Rajasthan as per ISFR-2019 is given in Annexure-I & II respectively.

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## Annexure –I

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4133 due for answer on 19.03.2021 regarding 'Area of Forest Land'**

District wise forest cover of Gujarat as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2019

(Area in square kilometre)

| S. No. | District           | Geographical area | Total Forest Cover | Percentage of Geographical Area |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1      | Ahmedabad          | 8,107             | 131.21             | 1.62                            |
| 2      | Amreli             | 7,397             | 260.40             | 3.52                            |
| 3      | Anand              | 3,204             | 50.48              | 1.58                            |
| 4      | BanasKantha        | 10,743            | 822.50             | 7.66                            |
| 5      | Bharuch            | 6,509             | 277.52             | 4.26                            |
| 6      | Bhavnagar          | 10,034            | 293.21             | 2.92                            |
| 7      | Dohod              | 3,642             | 529.82             | 14.55                           |
| 8      | Gandhinagar        | 2,140             | 92.05              | 4.30                            |
| 9      | Jamnagar           | 14,184            | 471.11             | 3.32                            |
| 10     | Junagadh           | 8,831             | 1693.31            | 19.17                           |
| 11     | Kachchh            | 45,674            | 2345.29            | 5.13                            |
| 12     | Kheda              | 3,953             | 94.44              | 2.39                            |
| 13     | Mahesana           | 4,401             | 158.62             | 3.60                            |
| 14     | Narmada            | 2,817             | 948.00             | 33.65                           |
| 15     | Navsari            | 2,246             | 362.43             | 16.14                           |
| 16     | PanchMahals        | 5,231             | 710.06             | 13.57                           |
| 17     | Patan              | 5,792             | 102.51             | 1.77                            |
| 18     | Porbandar          | 2,316             | 126.68             | 5.47                            |
| 19     | Rajkot             | 11,198            | 154.32             | 1.38                            |
| 20     | Sabarkantha        | 7,394             | 815.27             | 11.03                           |
| 21     | Surat              | 4,549             | 500.06             | 10.99                           |
| 22     | Surendranagar      | 10,423            | 173.99             | 1.67                            |
| 23     | Tapi               | 3,139             | 792.41             | 25.24                           |
| 24     | The Dangs          | 1,766             | 1362.62            | 77.16                           |
| 25     | Vadodara           | 7,546             | 603.21             | 7.99                            |
| 26     | Valsad             | 3,008             | 985.81             | 32.77                           |
|        | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1,96,244</b>   | <b>14,857.33</b>   | <b>7.57</b>                     |

## Annexure -II

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District wise forest cover of Rajasthan as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2019

(Area in square kilometre)

| S. No. | District           | Geographical area | Total Forest Cover | Percentage of Geographical Area |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1      | Ajmer              | 8,481             | 305.11             | 3.60                            |
| 2      | Alwar              | 8,380             | 1196.66            | 14.28                           |
| 3      | Banswara           | 4,522             | 268.42             | 5.94                            |
| 4      | Baran              | 6,922             | 1010.99            | 14.46                           |
| 5      | Barmer             | 28,387            | 289.79             | 1.02                            |
| 6      | Bharatpur          | 5,066             | 230.27             | 4.55                            |
| 7      | Bhilwara           | 10,455            | 224.19             | 2.01                            |
| 8      | Bikaner            | 30,239            | 255.61             | 0.85                            |
| 9      | Bundi              | 5,776             | 557.18             | 9.65                            |
| 10     | Chittaurgarh       | 7,822             | 988.80             | 12.64                           |
| 11     | Churu              | 13,835            | 82.00              | 0.59                            |
| 12     | Dausa              | 3,432             | 117.00             | 3.41                            |
| 13     | Dhaulpur           | 3,033             | 419.00             | 13.81                           |
| 14     | Dungarpur          | 3,770             | 302.30             | 8.02                            |
| 15     | Ganganagar         | 10,978            | 112.92             | 1.03                            |
| 16     | Hanumangarh        | 9,656             | 89.96              | 0.93                            |
| 17     | Jaipur             | 11,143            | 552.76             | 4.96                            |
| 18     | Jaisalmer          | 38,401            | 325.77             | 0.85                            |
| 19     | Jalor              | 10,640            | 268.07             | 2.52                            |
| 20     | Jhalawar           | 6,219             | 435.58             | 7.00                            |
| 21     | Jhunjhunun         | 5,928             | 200.77             | 3.39                            |
| 22     | Jodhpur            | 22,850            | 107.78             | 0.47                            |
| 23     | Karauli            | 5,524             | 870.00             | 15.75                           |
| 24     | Kota               | 5,217             | 546.73             | 10.48                           |
| 25     | Nagaur             | 17,718            | 147.04             | 0.83                            |
| 26     | Pali               | 12,387            | 674.85             | 5.45                            |
| 27     | Pratapgarh         | 4,449             | 1037.91            | 23.33                           |
| 28     | Rajsamand          | 4,655             | 521.79             | 11.21                           |
| 29     | SawaiMadhopur      | 4,498             | 462.69             | 10.29                           |
| 30     | Sikar              | 7,732             | 193.06             | 2.50                            |
| 31     | Sirohi             | 5,136             | 911.91             | 17.76                           |
| 32     | Tonk               | 7,194             | 165.06             | 2.29                            |
| 33     | Udaipur            | 11,724            | 2757.54            | 23.51                           |
|        | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>3,42,239</b>   | <b>16,629.51</b>   | <b>4.86</b>                     |

