

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 737
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

Geographical Mapping of Forest Areas

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

- (a) whether the Union Government provides separate funds to States for geographical mapping of forest areas located in different States;
- (b) if so, the details of funds provided and spent by the States during the current financial year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has sought any clarification from the States which have not utilised any amount for geographical mapping till date; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) The Ministry does not provide funds to States for geographical mapping of forest areas. However, 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. 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 kilometre which is 24.56% of the geographical area of the country. The current assessment shows an increase of 5,188 square kilometre of forest and tree cover at the national level as compared to the previous assessment i.e. ISFR 2017.
