

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2030
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

Conservation of Forests

2030. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up National Green Tribunal for effective and quick disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of cases received in the National Green Tribunal during each of the last three years and current year;
- (d) the total number of cases disposed off during the last three years and the number of cases lying pending; and
- (e) the time by which the pending cases are likely to be disposed of?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b): Yes; the National Green Tribunal has been set up for the effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment and giving relief and compensation for damages to persons and property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(c): During the last three years, i.e., 2018, 2019 and 2020, the National Green Tribunal received 4079, 3269 and 2301 cases respectively. In the current year 2021, 985 cases have been received in the Tribunal, up to 30th June, 2021.

(d): During the last three years, i.e., 2018, 2019 and 2020, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) disposed of 3716, 3323 and 2610 cases respectively and in the current year 2021, 1319 cases have been disposed of till 30th June, 2021. There are 2322 cases lying pending in the NGT as on 30th June, 2021.

(e): As per provision of Rule 18 of National Green Tribunal (Practice and Procedure) Rules, 2011, cases are heard and decided finally, as far as possible, within six months from the date of their filing.
