

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3055**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.08.2021

**Forest Area**

3055. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the forest cover area is declining due to the rising level of pollution in cities and urbanization;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to conserve forests on non-forest land, defined forest land and forests covered under the Assisted Natural Regeneration;
- (c) whether the special package has been announced under CAMPA fund to create the employment opportunities in the tribal areas of the country including Gujarat and Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof and the total fund released and utilised, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether funds are being misused by the officials and forest department in absence of direct hold of gram sabha and local representatives on the CAMPA fund and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make the panchayats and gram sabha accountable for promoting afforestation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY):**

- (a) & (b) Forest cover in country is increasing. There is an increase of 13,209 square kilometer of forest and tree cover at the national level in the ISFR-2019 as compared to the ISFR- 2015. Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest cover of the country biennially since 1987 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 ISFR 2019, the 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. The State/UTs wise details of forest and tree cover as per ISFR-2019 is given in **Annexure-I**.

The State/UTs wise details of change in forest and tree cover as compared with ISFR-2019 and ISFR-2015 is given in **Annexure-II**.

- (c) On 12.05.2020, Hon'ble Prime Minister announced a special economic package of Rs. 20,00,000 crore under Atma Nirbhar Bharat. This package also included Rs. 6,000 crore employment push using CAMPA funds to created job opportunities including for tribal communities in semi-urban and rural areas. Against this, the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (National Authority) has approved Annual Plan of Operation (APOs) of 31 States/UTs amounting to Rs. 7906.16 crores as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021. As per information received from States/UTs 8,04,45,886 man-days have been generated till 31.03.2021 from 31 States/UTs. The State/UTs wise details are given in **Annexure-III**.
- (d) All complaints received in the National Authority are forwarded to the concerned States Government /UTs Administration for enquiry. In addition, the State Government UT Administrations also take action on their own on the complaints received by them and after enquiry, take necessary action including initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the guilty personnel
- (e) The forestry activities including afforestation programmes of the Government are undertaken in consultation as well as with active participation of local people/Panchayats/Gram Sabha/Village Forest Management Committee.

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## Annexure I

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3055  
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**State/UTs wise details of Forest and Tree Cover as per ISFR 2019**

**(Area in square kilometre)**

State/UTs	Geographic Area	Forest Cover	Percentage of forest cover to geographical area	Tree Cover	Percentage of tree cover to geographical area
Andhra Pradesh	1,62,968	29,137	17.88	3,914	2.40
Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	66,688	79.63	848	1.01
Assam	78,438	28,327	36.11	1,408	1.80
Bihar	94,163	7,306	7.76	2,003	2.13
Chhattisgarh	1,35,192	55,611	41.13	4,248	3.14
Delhi	1,483	195.44	13.18	129	8.73
Goa	3,702	2,237	60.43	272	7.34
Gujarat	1,96,244	14,857	7.57	6,912	3.52
Haryana	44,212	1,602	3.62	1,565	3.54
Himachal Pradesh	55,673	15,434	27.72	829	1.49
Jammu & Kashmir	2,22,236	23,612	10.62	7,944	3.57
Jharkhand	79,716	23,611	29.62	2,657	3.33
Karnataka	1,91,791	38,575	20.11	6,257	3.26
Kerala	38,852	21,144	54.42	2,936	7.56
Madhya Pradesh	3,08,252	77,482	25.14	8,339	2.71
Maharashtra	3,07,713	50,778	16.50	10,806	3.51
Manipur	22,327	16,847	75.46	173	0.77
Meghalaya	22,429	17,119	76.33	710	3.17
Mizoram	21,081	18,006	85.41	441	2.09
Nagaland	16,579	12,486	75.31	362	2.19
Odisha	1,55,707	51,619	33.15	4,648	2.98
Punjab	50,362	1,849	3.67	1,592	3.16
Rajasthan	3,42,239	16,630	4.86	8,112	2.37
Sikkim	7,096	3,342	47.10	36	0.51
Tamil Nadu	1,30,060	26,364	20.27	4,830	3.71
Telangana	1,12,077	20,582	18.36	2,514	2.24
Tripura	10,486	7,726	73.68	231	2.20
Uttar Pradesh	2,40,928	14,806	6.15	7,342	3.05
Uttarakhand	53,483	24,303	45.44	841	1.57
West Bengal	88,752	16,902	19.04	2,006	2.26
A&N Islands	8,249	6,743	81.74	41	0.50
Chandigarh	114	22.03	19.32	25	22.34
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	207	42.16	28	5.75
Daman & Diu	111	20.49	18.46	5	4.87
Lakshadweep	30	27.10	90.33	0.29	0.97
Puducherry	490	52.41	10.70	23	4.66
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32,87,469</b>	<b>7,12,249</b>	<b>21.67</b>	<b>95,027</b>	<b>2.89</b>

Forest Cover = 21.67% of total geographical area.

Tree Cover = 2.89% of total geographical area.

Total Tree and Forest Cover = 24.56% of total geographical area.

## Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3055  
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State/UTs wise Change in forest and tree cover as per ISFR-2019 and 2015.

(Area in square kilometre)

S. No	State/UT	Increase/decrease in forest cover w.r.t. ISFR 2015 (as per ISFR 2019)	Increase/decrease in tree cover w.r.t. ISFR 2015 (as per ISFR 2019)
1	Andhra Pradesh	3131	-51
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-466	87
3	Assam	789	-205
4	Bihar	52	-179
5	Chhattisgarh	52	619
6	Delhi	6.67	18
7	Goa	27	-53
8	Gujarat	147	-1002
9	Haryana	22	210
10	Himachal Pradesh	727	72
11	Jammu & Kashmir	624	-410
12	Jharkhand	87	-126
13	Karnataka	2126	705
14	Kerala	1866	-15
15	Madhya Pradesh	56	566
16	Maharashtra	79	1248
17	Manipur	-236	-70
18	Meghalaya	-143	0
19	Mizoram	-711	-94
20	Nagaland	-453	-19
21	Odisha	1159	662
22	Punjab	78	48
23	Rajasthan	524	-157
24	Sikkim	-11	1
25	Tamil Nadu	156	325
26	Telangana	728	-35
27	Tripura	-164	-2
28	Uttar Pradesh	405	298
29	Uttarakhand	31	89
30	West Bengal	76	-82
31	A & N Islands	-8	4
32	Chandigarh	0.37	16
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	0
34	Daman & Diu	0.88	-5
35	Lakshadweep	0.04	-3.71
36	Puducherry	-4.54	-4
<b>Total</b>		<b>10754</b>	<b>2455</b>

## Annexure III

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3055  
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<b>Progress Report under Atma Nirbhar Bharat (as on 31.03.2021)</b>										
<b>Received from States/UTs</b>										
S.No.	Name of States/UTs	District	Financial Target (in Rs. Crore)	Financial Target (in Rs. Crore)	Fund Released (in Rs. Crore)	Expenditure (In Rs. crore)	Physical Target of plantations (in Ha.)	Physical Target Achieved (in Ha)	Employment Generated	Updated by State Government on
			As per APO approved	As received from States		Cumulative		Cumulative	(In person days)	
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands		2.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.03.2021
2	Andhra Pradesh	13 Districts	330.82	330.82	155.76	44.85	18526.35	5539.00	784898	31.03.2021
3	Arunachal Pradesh		155.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.03.2021
4	Assam	29 Districts	88.34	88.33	88.33	9.16	2575.00	1944.78	341870	31.03.2021
5	Bihar	38 Districts	239.47	237.11	186.42	182.74	2266.91	2256.91	4650360	31.03.2021
6	Chandigarh	1 District	2.26	2.26	0.00	1.80	14.00	14.00	37490	31.03.2021
7	Chhattisgarh	27 Districts	1346.92	1811.84	707.50	707.50	6103.98	6103.98	14800001	31.03.2021
8	Delhi		19.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.03.2021
9	Goa	2 Districts	32.68	32.68	0.00	6.26	293.70	293.70	154085	31.03.2021
10	Gujarat	33 Districts	240.69	169.85	169.85	169.85	1019.84	1019.84	2621142	31.03.2021
11	Haryana	22 Districts	203.95	203.95	153.61	125.43	2689.50	2493.39	2529705	31.03.2021
12	Himachal Pradesh	12 Districts	158.38	158.39	150.89	119.40	2337.39	2296.32	1531113	31.03.2021
13	Jammu & Kashmir	22 Districts	184.83	161.05	125.43	101.93	12066.00	10886.00	1828175	31.03.2021
14	Jharkhand	24 Districts	376.56	376.56	241.45	215.43	11111.74	11099.02	5605872	31.03.2021
15	Karnataka	30 Districts	212.94	172.411	172.07	158.26	14849.44	14849.44	3193909	31.03.2021
16	Kerala		15.79	15.79	15.79	10.88	594.09	292.28	24806	31.03.2021
17	Madhya Pradesh	50 Districts	860.96	576.94	460.37	456.07	52593.24	51772.87	8540482	31.03.2021
18	Maharashtra	33 Districts	599.32	475.44	236.69	212.50	25466.29	25466.29	3216217	31.03.2021
19	Manipur	16 Districts	27.79	28.40	28.40	28.40	6918.68	6918.68	1099620	31.03.2021
20	Meghalaya	11 Districts	33.97	29.92	16.72	2.00	1344.93	478.66	60785	31.03.2021
21	Mizoram		32.66	32.66	9.24	9.24	4952.84	4952.84	194543	31.03.2021

22	Odisha	30 Districts	773.39	638.33	613.07	536.28	76779.40	66460.23	9050452	31.03.2021
23	Punjab	25 Districts	177.85	177.85	133.36	53.77	4937.33	4924.34	2560650	31.03.2021
24	Rajasthan	33 Districts	280.98	280.7	220.47	188.58	12194.06	12097.89	3488384	31.03.2021
25	Sikkim	4 Districts	66.90	66.17	47.72	44.02	4209.02	4209.02	630124	31.03.2021
26	Tamil Nadu		66.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.03.2021
27	Telangana	33 Districts	483.78	483.78	400.22	368.97	10442.00	9053.00	3846020	31.03.2021
28	Tripura	8 Districts	21.51	21.51	19.03	17.37	582.80	582.80	527350	31.03.2021
29	Uttar Pradesh	75 Districts	442.01	237.80	237.80	235.68	12751.33	12751.33	6149607	31.03.2020
30	Uttarakhand	13 Districts	353.64	353.64	272.00	141.30	6141.47	5181.64	2865128	31.03.2021
31	West Bengal	26 Districts	74.00	8.48	8.48	6.35	380.66	277.42	113048	31.03.2021
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>7906.16</b>	<b>7172.661</b>	<b>4870.67</b>	<b>4154.01</b>	<b>294141.99</b>	<b>264215.67</b>	<b>80445836</b>	

