

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2386
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

Forest Fire

2386. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

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

- (a) the details of the schemes to save forests from fire in Chhattisgarh and other States;
- (b) the details of the installed capacity/sources available to save the forests from fire in Raigarh and Jashpur districts along with the area which can be saved as a result thereof; and
- (c) the details of the amount spent to save forests from fire in Raigarh and Jashpur districts in a financial year along with the amount spent during the years 2018- 19 and 2019-20?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Since forests are managed by the State Forest Departments, responsibility of forest fire prevention and management lies primarily with the respective State Governments. The Ministry supports the efforts of State/Union Territory Governments in prevention and control of forest fire by providing financial assistance for various forest fire prevention and management measures under the Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme. State Government prepares Annual Plan of Operation for prevention and management of forest fire under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme and funds are released as per the Guideline of the Scheme. A sum of about Rs.125 crore (Rupees One hundred twenty five crore) have been released to the States (including Chhattisgarh) in last three years (2018-19 to 2020-21) under this scheme.
- (b) As per the report received from the Government of Chhattisgarh, the details of resources deployed to save the forest from fire in Raigarh and Jashpur districts along with the area to be saved from forest fire is as under:-

District	No. of Watch towers	No. of firefighting equipments	No. of fire watchers	Forest Area (Km ²)
Raigarh	25	136	251	2234.07
Jashpur	04	2	151	1787.96

- (c) As per the report received from the Government of Chhattisgarh, the details of amount spent to save forests from fire in Raigarh and Jashpur districts are as under:-

District	Year	Amount spent (Lakhs)
Raigarh	2018-19	111.81
	2019-20	150.37
	2020-21	147.35
Jashpur	2018-19	115.44
	2019-20	134.95
	2020-21	128.71
