

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3471
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

Plantation Drive

3471. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) the density of forest cover and green belt existing in the country in the last three years, and the number of trees added through plantation drives in the forest area, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (b) the measures undertaken to promote plantation, preservation and irrigation and the expenditure incurred on plantation corresponding to the target fixed, in this regard, during the rainy season and thereafter, in the year 2021, State-wise including Bihar?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Assessment of Forest & Tree cover is undertaken by Forest Survey of India (FSI) biennially. As per the India State of Forest Report-2019 (ISFR 2019) the total forest and tree cover in the country is 8,07,276 sq km i.e. Very dense forest 99,278 sq km, Moderately dense forest 3,08,472 sq km, Open forest 3,04,499 sq km and Tree cover 95,027 sq km, which is 24.56% of the geographical area of the country. There is an increase of 5,188Sq. Km.in forest and tree cover i.e.Very Dense Forest (VDF) by 1,120 sq. km., Moderately Dense Forest (MDF) by 154 sq. km., Open Forest by 2,702 sq. km and Tree cover by 1212 sq. km. with respect to ISFR 2017. This increase in forest cover is due to plantation and conservation efforts taken up across the country under various schemes of Central and State/UT government including mass plantation drives. The State and Union Territories wise details of forest and tree cover as per ISFR 2019 are given at Annexure I.
- (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change supports the States/Union Territories for carrying out various afforestation activities through Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely National Mission for a Green India (GIM), National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and transfers fund under CAMPA to promote plantation, preservation and increase the soil & moisture conservation and green cover across the country. Further, the Ministry implements the Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme to extend support to the State/ UT Governments in forest fire prevention and management to prevent destruction of forests. Annual afforestation/tree plantation targets are fixed by the Ministry for all States/UTs including Bihar which are achieved through the concerted efforts. The State/UT wise details of afforestation/tree plantation targets fixed for the year 2021-22 are given in Annexure II.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 3471 due for reply on 20.12.2021 by Shri Chandeshwar Prasad regarding 'Plantation Drive'.

Details of Forest and Tree Cover as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2019**(Area in Sq.km)**

Sl.No.	State/UT	Geographical Area	Forest & Tree Cover ISFR, 2019	Change in Forest & Tree Cover over ISFR, 2017
1	Andhra Pradesh	162968	33051	1151
2	Arunachal Pradesh	83743	67536	-235
3	Assam	78438	29735	134
4	Bihar	94163	9309	-253
5	Chhattisgarh	135192	59859	479
6	Delhi	1483	324.44	19.03
7	Goa	3702	2509	-43
8	Gujarat	196244	21769	-1012
9	Haryana	44212	3167	164
10	Himachal Pradesh	55673	16263	341
11	Jammu & Kashmir	222236	31556	500
12	Jharkhand	79716	26268	-207
13	Karnataka	191791	44832	1569
14	Kerala	38852	24080	800
15	Madhya Pradesh	308252	85821	334
16	Maharashtra	307713	61584	1071
17	Manipur	22327	17020	-546
18	Meghalaya	22429	17829	26
19	Mizoram	21081	18447	-206
20	Nagaland	16579	12848	-20
21	Odisha	155707	56267	929
22	Punjab	50362	3441	-18
23	Rajasthan	342239	24742	-96
24	Sikkim	7096	3378	-1
25	Tamil Nadu	130060	31194	242
26	Telangana	112077	23096	8
27	Tripura	10486	7957	16
28	Uttar Pradesh	240928	22148	27
29	Uttarakhand	53483	25144	82
30	West Bengal	88752	18908	-75
31	A & N Islands	8249	6784	7
32	Chandigarh	114	47.03	15.47
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	235	-2
34	Daman & Diu	111	25.49	-5
35	Lakshadweep	30	27.39	-1.71
36	Puducherry	490	75.41	-5.26
	Grand TOTAL	3287469	807276.76	5188.53

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 3471 due for reply on 20.12.2021 by Shri Chandeshwar Prasad regarding 'Plantation Drive'.

State/UT-wise details of afforestation/tree plantation targets for the year 2021-22 under Twenty Point Programme (Area in hectare)

Sl.No	NAME OF STATE/UT	Targets - 2021-22
1	Andhra Pradesh	312520
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1500
3	Assam	16950
4	Bihar	63820
5	Chhattisgarh	98260
6	Goa	260
7	Gujarat	206310
8	Haryana	21470
9	Himachal Pradesh	31450
10	Jharkhand	49200
11	Karnataka	114100
12	Kerala	28980
13	Madhya Pradesh	115760
14	Maharashtra	117540
15	Manipur	12350
16	Meghalaya	1070
17	Mizoram	6300
18	Nagaland	2630
19	Odisha	177260
20	Punjab	13000
21	Rajasthan	51200
22	Sikkim	5910
23	Tamil Nadu	39730
24	Telangana	512280
25	Tripura	10540
26	Uttarakhand	39650
27	Uttar Pradesh	501570
28	West Bengal	118300
29	A & N Islands	2770
30	Chandigarh	150
31	D & N Haveli & Daman &	2000
32	Delhi	4850
33	Jammu and Kashmir	10520
34	Ladakh	150
35	Lakshadweep	20
36	Puducherry	200
