

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3572
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

Survey of Degraded Forest

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has commissioned a survey of degraded forests in Meghalaya;
- (b) the details of the Detailed Project Report for Meghalaya;
- (c) whether the DPR has not been completed so far for Meghalaya, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the expected date of completion for the same?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) Assessment of Forest & Tree cover is undertaken by Forest Survey of India (FSI) biennially. As per India State of Forest report (ISFR) 2019 there is an increase of 13,209 sq. km of forest and tree cover in the country which is 1.66% increase over 2015. The Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, under Indian Council of Forest Research and Education (ICFRE) was given the responsibility to conduct the study on 'Identification of Drivers of Deforestation' in Meghalaya under Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP). The study was initiated to understand the various drivers of deforestation operating in Meghalaya and their ecological and socio-economic cause-effect relationship and was carried out from 28.02.2018 to 22.06.2020. The objective of the study was to identify the drivers of deforestation operative in Meghalaya following five approaches (i) consultation of existing literature, (ii) GIS mapping, (iii) Household surveys, (iv) Ecological study and (v) Expert consultation. Based on the findings of the project, detailed site specific Strategies to address deforestation and degradation were worked out and presented in the project report.
