

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1903
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 14.03.2022

Death due to Snake Bite

1903. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) the details of forest area, forest force strength, IFS officers strength, number of forest divisions, State-wise;
- (b) the number of forest employees killed and injured due to wild animal attack and attack from poachers during the last three years, State/UT-wise details thereof and year-wise;
- (c) the details of death due to snake bite during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any compensation scheme from Central Government in snake bite incident cases and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) The details of recorded forest area, IFS cadre strength and number of forest divisions are placed at Annexure I, II and III respectively. The remaining information is not collated at the level of the Ministry.
- (d) The Ministry does not have any compensation scheme for snake bite incidents. However, the Ministry provides financial assistance to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of Wildlife Habitats. This includes compensation for loss of life and property by wild animals. The management of forests and wildlife is under the administrative domain of States/Union Territories.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a), (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1903 due for answer on 14.03.2022 regarding 'Death Due To Snake Bite'

Recorded Forest Area (RFA) in States/UTs as per ISFR-2021

(Area in square kilometre)

Sl. No.	State/ UT		Geographical Area (GA)	RFA (in different categories)			Total RFA (2021)
				Reserved Forest	Protected Forest	Unclassed Forests*	
1.	Andhra Pradesh		1,62,968	31,959	5,069	230	37,258
2.	Arunachal Pradesh		83,743	12,371	11,857	27,312	51,540
3.	Assam		78,438	17,864	0	8,972	26,836
4.	Bihar		94,163	693	6,183	566	7,442
5.	Chhattisgarh		1,35,192	25,897	24,036	9,883	59,816
6.	Delhi		1,483	78	25	0	103
7.	Goa		3,702	119	755	397	1,271
8.	Gujarat		196,244	14,574	2,898	4,398	21,870
9.	Haryana		44,212	249	1,158	152	1,559
10.	Himachal Pradesh		55,673	1,883	28,887	7,178	37,948
11.	Jharkhand		79,716	4,500	18,922	1,696	25,118
12.	Karnataka		191,791	28,690	3,931	5,663	38,284
13.	Kerala		38,852	11,522	0	0	11,522
14.	Madhya Pradesh		3,08,252	61,886	31,098	1,705	94,689
15.	Maharashtra		3,07,713	50,865	6,433	4,654	61,952
16.	Manipur		22,327	984	3,254	13,180	17,418
17.	Meghalaya		22,429	1,113	12	8,371	9,496
18.	Mizoram		21,081	4,499	1,823	1,157	7,479
19.	Nagaland		16,579	234	0	8,389	8,623
20.	Odisha		1,55,707	36,049	25,133	22	61,204
21.	Punjab		50,362	44	1,137	1,903	3,084
22.	Rajasthan		3,42,239	12,176	18,543	2,144	32,863
23.	Sikkim		7,096	5,452	389	0	5,841
24.	Tamil Nadu		1,30,060	20,523	1,053	1,612	23,188
25.	Telangana		1,12,077	25,800	1,592	296	27,688
26.	Tripura		10,486	3,588	2	2,704	6,294
27.	Uttar Pradesh**		2,40,928	11,560	296	5,528	17,384
28.	Uttarakhand		53,483	26,547	9,885	1,568	38,000
29.	West Bengal		88,752	7,054	3,772	1,053	11,879
30.	A & N Islands		8,249	5,613	1,558	0	7,171
31.	Chandigarh		114	32	0	3	35
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu		602	203	5	6	214
33.	Jammu & Kashmir	Shape file Area***	2,22,236	17,648	2,551	0	20,199

Sl. No.	State/ UT		Geographical Area (GA)	RFA (in different categories)			Total RFA (2021)
				Reserved Forest	Protected Forest	Unclassed Forests*	
		(54,624)					
34.	Ladakh	Shape file Area*** (1,68,055)		7	0	0	7
35.	Lakshadweep		30	0	0	0	0
36.	Puducherry		490	0	2	11	13
Total			32,87,469	4,42,276	2,12,259	1,20,753	7,75,288

Source: State/UT Forest Departments

*Unclassed Forest includes all forest other than Reserve Forest and Protected Forest as reported by State/UTs Forest Departments.

**In case of Uttar Pradesh, the RFA excludes 9,662.764 km of linear plantations along Road, Railway line and Canal.

***Area of shape file provided by Survey of India (August, 2021). Notified geographical areas for individual UTs from SOI are awaited.

Annexure II

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IFS Cadre Strength in States/Cadre

S. No	NAME OF THE STATE/CADRE	Total Strength
1	AGMUT	300
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	82
3	ASSAM-MEGHALAYA	142
4	BIHAR	74
5	CHHATISGARH	153
6	GUJARAT	125
7	HARYANA	58
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	114
9	JHARKHAND	142
10	KARNATAKA	164
11	KERALA	107
12	MADHYA PRADESH	296
13	MAHARASHTRA	206
14	MANIPUR	58
15	NAGALAND	45
16	ODISHA	141
17	PUNJAB	61
18	RAJASTHAN	145
19	SIKKIM	30
20	TAMIL NADU	152
21	TELANGANA	81
22	TRIPURA	60
23	UTTAR PRADESH	217
24	UTTRAKHAND	112
25	WEST BENGAL	126
	TOTAL	3191

Annexure III

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Number of Forest Divisions in States/UTs

State Name	Number of Divisions
Andaman and Nicobar	10
Andhra Pradesh	51
Arunachal Pradesh	39
Assam	67
Bihar	22
Chandigarh	2
Chhattisgarh	48
Dadar& Nagar Haveli	2
Daman and Diu	1
Delhi	5
Goa	11
Gujarat	60
Haryana	28
Himachal Pradesh	45
Jammu and Kashmir	67
Jharkhand	44
Karnataka	66
Kerala	37
Ladakh	8
Madhya Pradesh	82
Maharashtra	70
Manipur	22
Meghalaya	4
Mizoram	17
Nagaland	9
Orissa	52
Pondicherry	2
Punjab	21
Rajasthan	93
Sikkim	46
Tamil Nadu	52
Telangana	64
Tripura	24
Uttar Pradesh	93
Uttarakhand	43
West Bengal	55
Total	1362