

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022

Imparting Traing to Forest Workers

5277. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive policy to impart traing to forest workers regarding the latest scientific and technological developments in forestry sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments regarding setting up of Forest Academy for the said purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the total number of forest workers imparted training in the country, State-wise details thereof particularly Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh during the last three years; and
- (f) the details of total funds allocated and spent in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Forestry training is provided by both Central Government and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun and Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) impart training to the Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers and State Forest Service (SFS) officers respectively. The Directorate of Forest Education (DFE) also undertakes training for Range Forest Officers (RFOs) at its selected centres as per the need.

The DFE also coordinates the curriculum for the training of Range Forest Officers (RFOs) at different Range Forest Officer Training Colleges established and run by the respective State Governments.

These institutes provide training on latest relevant contents in scientific and technological development including on silvi culture, restoration of degraded forests, improved afforestation techniques, wildlife conservation, survey of forests, and utilization of forest products. Such training also exposes the forest officers and staff to latest techniques including Remote Sensing, Geographical Information System (GIS), Information Technology (IT) and digital applications.

Besides, the State Governments run various Forestry Training Academies/Training Schools to impart training to frontline forest officers and staff subjects in the field of forestry.

(c) & (d) No Sir. The Ministry has not received any proposals from State Governments regarding setting up of Forest Academy for the said purpose;

(e) & (f) This Ministry doesn't collate the number of forest workers imparted training in the country.

However, the details of total fund spent by the Ministry for the training of IFS/SFS/RFOs during the last three years are as follow:-

Year	2019	2020	2021
Total funds spent (₹)	43.939 Cr	28.63 Cr	29.10 Cr
