

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1346**  
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

**Area under ESZ**

1346. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:  
SHRI PRAVEEN KUMAR NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has details of land in sq km under protected forest, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries across the country, if so, the details thereof, State and UT wise;
- (b) whether the Government has details of the total land in sq km under the Eco-Sensitive Zone currently; and
- (c) whether the freshwater marsh in the Sant Kabir Nagar district which is the largest natural flood plain wetland of Eastern Uttar Pradesh falls under 1 km Eco Sensitive Zone, if so, the details thereof including the steps to conserve this wetland?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The State/Union Territory (UT) wise details of Protected Forest, National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary are given at **Annexure**.
- (b) The total area covered under Eco-Sensitive Zone, so far notified is 68776.07 sq.km.
- (c) The Eco-sensitive Zone around Bakhira Lake Wildlife Sanctuary was published in the Gazette of India vide S.O. 06(E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2018. The ESZ area is of 35.46 sq. km and the ESZ extent is 1.0 km uniform around the Protected Area. The important steps taken to conserve this wetland are as follows:
  - (i) Ministry provides financial assistance under Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' to State/UT Governments including Uttar Pradesh for the conservation and management for wildlife habitats.
  - (ii) The Eco-Sensitive Zone notification provides for Zonal Master Plan, which provide restoration of denuded areas, conservation of existing water bodies, management of catchment areas, watershed management, groundwater management, soil and moisture conservation etc.

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# ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1346 DUE FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2022 REGARDING “AREA UNDER ESZ”**

**Details of National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries/Protected Forests in States/UTs**  
**(Area in square kilometre)**

S.No.	State/Union Territory	National Park as on December 2020	Sanctuaries as on December 2020	Protected Forest as per the India State of Forest Report 2021
1	Andhra Pradesh	1368.874	6771.3974	5,069
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2290.82	7614.557	11,857
3	Assam	1977.79	1840.14	0
4	Bihar	335.65	2901.68	6,183
5	Chhattisgarh	2899.08	3760.28	24,036
6	Delhi	0	19.605	25
7	Goa	107	647.96	755
8	Gujarat	480.12	16618.42	2,898
9	Haryana	48.25	118.21	1,158
10	Himachal Pradesh	2256.28	6115.9731	28,887
11	Jharkhand	226.33	1955.82	18,922
12	Karnataka	2794.05	7923.217	3,931
13	Kerala	558.16	2156.22	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	4349.134	7046.188	31,098
15	Maharashtra	1273.6	7592.295	6,433
16	Manipur	140	708.143	3,254
17	Meghalaya	267.48	94.107	12
18	Mizoram	150	1359.75	1,823

19	Nagaland	202.02	43.91	0
20	Odisha	990.7	7094.65	25,133
21	Punjab	0	326.6	1,137
22	Rajasthan	3947.07	5592.38	18,543
23	Sikkim	1784	399.1	389
24	Tamil Nadu	827.5157	6240.55812	1,053
25	Telangana	19.615	5672.7	1,592
26	Tripura	36.71	603.639	2
27	Uttar Pradesh	490	5829.198	296
28	Uttarakhand	4915.02	2690.12	9,885
29	West Bengal	1981.4817	1440.18433	3,772
30	A & N Islands	1216.95	389.39	1,558
31	Chandigarh	0	26.009	0
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	94.3483	5
33	Jammu&Kashmir	2432.45	1729.03	2,551
34	Ladakh	3350	9000	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0.01	0
36	Puducherry	0	3.9	2
	Total	43716.15	122419.7	212259

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