

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2407**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

**People living in Reserve Forests**

2407. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

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

- (a) the number of people residing in the reserved forests and protected forests in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number out of them have been residing there since 1980 or before 1980;
- (c) whether the Tamil Nadu State Government has forwarded any proposals to the Central Government to finalise orders of settlement in their respective areas; and
- (d) if so, the status of the proposals?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a)&(b) As per Census 2011, there are 4526 forest villages in the country with a total population of about 22.06 lakh. Information regarding number of people residing in reserved forests and protected forests in the country is not collated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- (c)&(d) As per the information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, no such proposal has been forwarded by the State Government to the Central Government.

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