

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

Plantation Drive to increase Forest

2470. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) the density of forest cover and green belt existing in the country during the last three years, and the number of trees added through plantation drives in the forest area, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the measures undertaken to promote plantation, preservation and irrigation and the expenditure incurred on plantation corresponding to the target fixed, in this regard, during the rainy season and thereafter, in the year 2022, the State-wise details thereof, including the State of Bihar?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Assessment of Forest & Tree cover is undertaken by Forest Survey of India (FSI) biennially. As per the India State of Forest Report-2021 (ISFR 2021) the total forest and tree cover in the country is 8,09,537sq km *i.e.* Very dense forest 99,779sq km, Moderately dense forest 3,06,890sq km, Open forest 3,07,120sq km and Tree cover 95,748 sq km, which is 24.62% of the geographical area of the country. As per ISFR2021 there is an increase of 2261sq. km. in forest and tree cover with respect to ISFR 2019. This increase in forest cover is due to plantation and conservation efforts taken up across the country under various schemes of Central and State/ Union Territories (UT) governments including mass plantation drives. The State and UT wise details of forest and tree cover as per ISFR 2021 are given at *Annexure I*.
- (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change supports the States/Union Territories for carrying out various afforestation activities through Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely National Mission for a Green India (GIM), National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and transfers fund under CAMPA to promote plantation, preservation and increase the soil & moisture conservation and green cover across the country. Further, the Ministry implements the Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme to extend support to the State/ UT Governments in forest fire prevention and management to prevent destruction of forests. Annual afforestation/tree plantation targets are fixed by the Ministry for all States/UTs including Bihar which are achieved through the concerted efforts. The State/UT wise details of afforestation/tree plantation targets fixed for the year 2022-23 are given in *Annexure II*.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 2470 due for reply on 01.08.2022 by Shri Chandeshwar Prasad regarding 'Plantation Drive to increase Forest'

Details of Forest and Tree Cover as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2021

Sl.No.	State/ UT	Geographical Area (GA)	Forest & Tree Cover ISFR, 2021	Change in Forest & Tree Cover over ISFR 2019
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,62,968	34,463	1,412
2	Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	67,432	-104
3	Assam	7,8,438	29,942	207
4	Bihar	94,163	9,722	413
5	Chhattisgarh	1,35,192	61,072	1,213
6	Delhi	1,483	342	18
7	Goa	3,702	2,488	-21
8	Gujarat	1,96,244	20,415	-1,354
9	Haryana	44,212	3,028	-139
10	Himachal Pradesh	55,673	16,118	-145
11	Jharkhand	79,716	26,588	320
12	Karnataka	1,91,791	46,224	1,392
13	Kerala	38,852	24,073	-7
14	Madhya Pradesh	3,08,252	85,547	-274
15	Maharashtra	3,07,713	62,906	1,322
16	Manipur	22,327	16,767	-253
17	Meghalaya	22,429	17,744	-85
18	Mizoram	21,081	18,264	-183
19	Nagaland	16,579	12,616	-232
20	Odisha	1,55,707	57,160	893
21	Punjab	50,362	2,985	-456
22	Rajasthan	3,42,239	25,388	646
23	Sikkim	7,096	3,380	2
24	Tamil Nadu	1,30,060	30,843	-351
25	Telangana	1,12,077	24,062	966
26	Tripura	10,486	7,950	-7
27	Uttar Pradesh	2,40,928	22,239	91
28	Uttarakhand	53,483	25,306	162
29	West Bengal	88,752	19,181	273
30	A&N Islands	8,249	6,767	-17
31	Chandigarh	114	38	-9
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli #	491	260	25
33	Daman & Diu #	111	0	-25
34	Jammu & Kashmir*	2,22,236	24,898	-4,168
35	Ladakh		3,226	736
36	Lakshadweep	30	27	0
37	Puducherry	490	76	1
	Grand Total	32,87,469	8,09,537	2,261

* From ISFR 2019 onwards Jammu & Kashmir was divided into two UTs viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

From ISFR 2021 onwards Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu have been combined into one UT.

Annexure II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 2470 due for reply on 01.08.2022 by Shri Chandeshwar Prasad regarding 'Plantation Drive to increase Forest'

State/UT-wise details of afforestation/tree plantation targets for the year 2022-23 under Twenty Point Programme (Area in hectare)

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT	Target - 2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	204400
2	Arunachal Pradesh	870
3	Assam	6740
4	Bihar	48170
5	Chhattisgarh	45790
6	Goa	170
7	Gujarat	167180
8	Haryana	25310
9	Himachal Pradesh	29610
10	Jharkhand	33610
11	Karnataka	58870
12	Kerala	12810
13	Madhya Pradesh	83460
14	Maharashtra	229770
15	Manipur	5810
16	Meghalaya	850
17	Mizoram	6080
18	Nagaland	2620
19	Orissa	127200
20	Punjab	21310
21	Rajasthan	37740
22	Sikkim	3540
23	Tamil Nadu	22860
24	Telangana	291030
25	Tripura	19400
26	Uttarakhand	34650
27	Uttar Pradesh	445590
28	West Bengal	52640
29	A & N Islands	2910
30	Chandigarh	140
31	D & N Haveli Daman & Diu	650
32	Delhi	4900
33	Jammu and Kashmir	20770
34	Ladakh	150
35	Lakshadweep	20
36	Puducherry	510
