

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 28**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

**Forest Cover in Haryana**

28. SHRI VARUN CHAUDHRY:

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

- (a) the reasons for delay in publication of India State of Forest Report 2023;
- (b) the status of Forest Cover in the State of Haryana since 2019 and its ranking amongst all the States;
- (c) the step taken to increase the forest cover in the said State and the funds allocated during the last five years; and
- (d) the details of any special initiatives under consideration to increase the forest cover in the said State?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) As per the information received from Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, the reason for delay in publication of India State of Forest Report 2023 is due to inclusion of 751 districts in the report instead of 636 districts included earlier.
- (b) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest cover biennially and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). The status of forest cover in the State of Haryana since 2019 and its ranking amongst all the States is as follows:-

ISFR	Total Forest Cover (in sq. km)	Ranking
2019	1,602	30
2021	1,603	31

- (c) & (d) To increase the forest cover, the Ministry supports the States/Union Territories for carrying out afforestation activities mainly through National Mission for a Green India (GIM) and Nagar Van Yojana Further, afforestation activities are also undertaken by utilizing the Compensatory Afforestation Fund as per the provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and the Rules made there under.

The details of funds released under the various schemes and Plans for increasing forest cover in last five years are as given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme/ Plan	Year wise fund allocation (Rs. in lakh)				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Green India Mission (GIM) (CSS)	0	0	0	4479.25	3400
2	Nagar Van Yojana	0	0	449.022	0	0
3	Compensatory Afforestation	7246.43	16687.47	19776.15	28199	22000
4	Desert Control	60	76.7	177.2	219	189.77
5	Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests	572	498	2309	2571.25	3061.23
6	Revitalization Institutions, Aravalli Hills	1120	950	1322.58	549.05	330
7	Green Belt in Urban Area	740	607	551.16	492.2	400
8	Herbal Nature Park	1100	400	1000	850	800
9	Development of Agro-Forestry	6800	6500	13000	12212.53	11000
<b>Total</b>		<b>17638.43</b>	<b>25719.17</b>	<b>38585.112</b>	<b>49572.28</b>	<b>41181.00</b>

In addition to the above, plantation is also undertaken in convergence with the schemes run by other Central Ministries such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, National Bamboo Mission, Sub-Mission on Agroforestry etc.

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