

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1224**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

**Rights of the Forest Committees**

1224. SHRI RAHUL SINGH LODHI:

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

- (a) whether any rights have been conferred on Forest Committees under Joint Forest Management initiative;
- (b) if so, the details of Damoh Lok Sabha Constituency in regard thereto; and
- (c) the details of the dividend being disbursed to the Forest Committees?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) are constituted by the State Forest Departments for sustainable management and conservation of forests. The Resolution of the State Governments on the Joint Forest Management (JFM) prescribes the manner and the extent to which these Committees are to be involved under Joint Forest management. JFMCs are involved in implementing various forestry activities at village level. The JFMCs and the forest department enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to manage the forest area jointly with forest department and JFMCs are also entitled to get usufruct benefits from the forest area.
- (b) & (c) As per the information provided by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, there are 787 JFMCs constituted in various districts under Damoh Lok Sabha constituency:

Sl	Name of District	Number of JFMCs
1.	Panna	25
2.	Chattarpur	109
3.	Damoh	286
4.	Sagar	367
<b>Total</b>		<b>787</b>

JFMCs have been given the rights for collection of fuelwood, fodder and Minor Forest Produce, excluding nationalised Minor Forest Produce. The JFMCs are provided 100% of the forest produce generated from degraded forest areas which are restored by them, and 20% of the total revenue generated from Timber Coupes. Further, the members of JFMC involved in bamboo harvesting receive 100% of profits generated. Eco-Development Committees (EDCs) located in National Parks/ Tiger Reserves are provided 33% of the income generated from eco-tourism towards the protection and conservation related activities undertaken by them.

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