

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 304**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026

**Expansion of Forest Area in the Country**

304. SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE:

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

- (a) the details of forest cover in hectares in the country along with their percentage, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the national coverage of forest area in terms of hectares and percentage;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make any new effort for the expansion of forest area in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the funds provided by the Government for conservation, development and promotion of forests in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and
- (e) the details of the success achieved as a result thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, carries out the assessment of forest and tree cover of the country biennially and the findings are published in the India State of Forest Report (ISFR). The forest cover assessment is a wall-to-wall mapping exercise based on remote sensing supported by intensive ground verification and field data from the National Forest Inventory.

As per ISFR 2023, the forest cover of the country is 7,15,34,261 hectare which is 21.76% of the total geographical area of the country. The State/UT wise details of forest cover in the country is given in **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c) As per ISFR, the Recorded Forest Area is 7,75,37,700 hectares which is 23.59% of the total geographical area of the country. The land is recorded as forest area by the concerns State/UT under the State Act or local law.

(d) & (e) The Ministry provides technical and financial support to States and UTs through various schemes and programmes of the Central Government for increasing forest cover including protection, conservation and management of forests in the country. This includes the National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY), Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI).

National Authority, CAMPA, also approves the Annual Plans of Operation (APOs) of the concerned States and Union Territories in accordance with the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.

Further, a plantation campaign “एक पेड़ माँ के नाम #Plant4Mother” has also been launched on the occasion of World Environment Day 2024 and in the current year also to undertake plantation activities across the country. This campaign follows the “Whole of Government” and “Whole of Society” approach with participation of all stakeholders for increasing the green cover in the country. The campaign has contributed large scale plantation aiding the enhancement of green cover in the country.

The details of funds provided by the Ministry to States and UTs including the State of Chhattisgarh during the last three years under the Green India Mission, CAMPA, Nagar Van Yojana and MISHTI are given at **Annexure-II to Annexure-V** respectively.

It is a result of the comprehensive action taken regarding protection and conservation of forests as well as afforestation efforts that the forest cover has increased from 7,12,249.00 square kilometer in ISFR 2019 as compared to 7,15,342.61 square kilometer in ISFR 2023.

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**Annexure-I**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 304  
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**State-wise/UT wise details of Forest Cover as per ISFR 2023**

(Area in hectares)

S.No.	State /UT	Geographical Area (GA)	Total Forest Cover 2023	% of GA
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,62,92,257	30,08,496	18.47
2	Arunachal Pradesh	83,74,322	65,88,157	78.67
3	Assam	78,43,800	28,31,355	36.10
4	Bihar	94,16,300	7,53,245	8.00
5	Chhattisgarh	1,35,19,200	55,81,175	41.28
6	Delhi	1,48,300	19,528	13.17
7	Goa	3,70,200	2,26,572	61.20
8	Gujarat	1,96,24,400	15,01,664	7.65
9	Haryana	44,21,200	1,61,426	3.65
10	Himachal Pradesh	55,67,300	15,58,035	27.99
11	Jharkhand	79,71,600	23,76,578	29.81
12	Karnataka	1,91,79,100	39,25,427	20.47
13	Kerala	38,85,200	22,05,936	56.78
14	Madhya Pradesh	3,08,25,211	77,07,344	25.00
15	Maharashtra	3,07,71,300	50,85,853	16.53
16	Manipur	22,32,700	16,58,546	74.28
17	Meghalaya	22,42,900	16,96,684	75.65
18	Mizoram	21,08,100	17,99,046	85.34
19	Nagaland	16,57,900	12,22,247	73.72
20	Odisha	1,55,70,700	52,43,356	33.67
21	Punjab	50,36,200	1,84,609	3.67
22	Rajasthan	3,42,23,899	16,54,821	4.84
23	Sikkim	7,09,600	3,35,840	47.33
24	Tamil Nadu	1,30,06,000	26,45,022	20.34
25	Telangana	1,12,12,244	21,17,904	18.89
26	Tripura	10,48,600	7,58,477	72.33
27	Uttar Pradesh	2,40,92,756	15,04,580	6.24
28	Uttarakhand	53,48,336	24,30,383	45.44
29	West Bengal	88,75,200	16,83,233	18.97
30	A & N Islands	8,24,900	6,73,292	81.62
31	Chandigarh	11,400	2,500	21.93
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	60,200	22,562	37.48
33	Jammu & Kashmir	2,22,23,600	21,34,639	10.63
34	Ladakh		2,28,592	
35	Lakshadweep	2,963	2,706	91.33

36	Puducherry	49,000	4,431	9.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32,87,46,888</b>	<b>7,15,34,261</b>	<b>21.76</b>

**Annexure-II**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 304 due for answer on 02.02.2026 regarding 'Expansion of Forest Area in the Country'**

**Details of funds released to the States/UTs during the last three years and in the current year under National Mission for a Green India (GIM)**

**(Rs. in Crores)**

Sl. No.	States / Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (till date)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	21.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.09	0.00	2.74
3	Haryana	0.00	7.60	30.58	25.65
4	Jammu & Kashmir	6.49	0.00	4.50	0.00
5	Karnataka	2.93	2.33	4.99	0.95
6	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.49
7	Madhya Pradesh	17.93	8.62	23.61	0.00
8	Manipur	5.45	8.91	0.00	0.00
9	Mizoram	36.27	21.13	0.00	8.90
10	Odisha	8.4756	12.59	0.00	0.00
11	Punjab	2.7393	5.38	0.00	0.00
12	Sikkim	6.57	7.50	12.24	6.61
13	Uttarakhand	28.40	31.94	25.16	0.00
14	West Bengal	0.76	0.76	0.00	0.00
15	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	5.43	0.00	0.00

**Annexure-III**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 304 due for answer on 02.02.2026 regarding 'Expansion of Forest Area in the Country'**

**Details of funds approved in Annual Plan of Operations of States/UTs CAMPA by National Authority during the last three years and in the current year**

**(Rs. in Crores)**

S. No.	State/Year	APO Approved			
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (till date)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	10.97	6.7	10.42	5.9
2	Andhra Pradesh	224.09	226.75	253.6	255.74
3	Arunachal Pradesh	195.29	190.69	126.55	390.3
4	Assam	162.57	109.69	104.39	102.75
5	Bihar	115.42	37.88	65.18	-
6	Chandigarh	1.66	1.54	1.4	0.75
7	Chhattisgarh	688.46	471.21	401.69	537.13
8	Delhi	33.93	47.15	34.55	47.8
9	Goa	36.53	31.28	29.56	33.68
10	Gujarat	205.4	250.02	310.5	400.45
11	Haryana	270.68	69.03	120.83	192.32
12	Himachal Pradesh	190.23	185.14	184.52	254.44
13	Jammu & Kashmir	312.69	370.55	180.18	128.17
14	Jharkhand	764.85	412.14	654.62	984.86
15	Karnataka	270.98	313.89	288.06	337.9
16	Kerala	17.26	9.06	8.93	8.27
17	Ladakh	-	60.55	76.94	89.89
18	Madhya Pradesh	889.84	1070.6	1398.42	1443.63
19	Maharashtra	708.11	597.57	730.65	531.24
20	Manipur	22.59	20.26	27.36	44.52
21	Meghalaya	26.67	30.91	24.75	25.11
22	Mizoram	16.74	14.6	22.77	3.86
23	Odisha	1191.31	948.04	1112.93	1012.63
24	Punjab	203.01	257.1	125.94	165.68
25	Rajasthan	249.19	286.49	198.44	269.7
26	Sikkim	69.82	79.95	44	110.39
27	Tamil Nadu	38.22	44.15	35.27	23.46
28	Telangana	772.65	455.3	386.8	412.99
29	Tripura	52.9	85.77	61.87	90.71
30	Uttar Pradesh	344.08	172.04	155.57	163.27
31	Uttarakhand	320.15	383.82	335.37	403.67
32	West Bengal	52.83	79.4	63.51	90.13

**Annexure-IV**

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**Details of the fund released to the States/UTs during last three years and in current year under Nagar Van Yojana**

**(Rs. in Crores)**

SI No	State/Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (till date)
1	Andhra Pradesh	358.61	5888.366	3549.55	1240.47
2	Arunachal Pradesh	56	0	24	208.971
3	Assam	0	0	0	0
4	Bihar	137.61	44.802	15.16	0
5	Chandigarh	13.41	0	0	0
6	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	762.786
7	Goa	0	61.59	0	0
8	Gujarat	203	0	242.5	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	319.4	0	0	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	476.28	107.34	787.25	0
11	Jharkhand	1341.41	145.293	0	0
12	Karnataka	0	260.44	1598.6516	0
13	Kerala	0	0	0	473.35
14	Madhya Pradesh	1175.09	0	3260.97	2705.4141
15	Maharashtra	193.87	0	0	0
16	Manipur	0	0	0	208.964
17	Meghalaya	242.76	0	0	0
18	Mizoram	1766.1	121.74	0	0
19	Nagaland	0	1892.49	172.44	616.08
20	Punjab	0	360.53	0	0
21	Rajasthan	848.12	72.8	914.96	1292.636
22	Sikkim	390.97	42	653.4887	0
23	Tamil Nadu	630	0	0	0
24	Telangana	582.88	0	1890	826.7
25	Tripura	0	151.44	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	5.6	0	831.6	110.84
27	Uttarakhand	86.72	0	0	0
28	West Bengal	16.8	158.07	0	0

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**Details of the fund released to the States/UTs during last three years and in current year under MISHTI**

**(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>SI No</b>	<b>State/Year</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26 (till date)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.71	8.368
2	Gujarat	6.20	61.10
3	Odisha	0.70	-
4	Puducherry	1.94	-
5	Kerala	0.67	1.014
6	West Bengal	3.74	-

