

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1409
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2015

New Indian Institute of Forest Management

1409. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) the percentage of forest cover out of the total geographical area of the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open new Indian Institutes of Forest Management in various States including Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) As per India State of Forest Report-2013, the total forest cover in the country is 697,898 square kilometers which is 21.23% of the total geographical area of the country. The detailed list showing forest cover State/UTs wise along with percentage to the total geographical area is given in **Annexure**.
- (b) & (c) There is no such proposal.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1409 due for answer on 08-12-2015 regarding 'New Indian Institute of Forest Management'

Forest Cover in States/UTs in country as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR) - 2013

States/UTs	Geographical Area	Total Forest Cover 2013	Percentage of Forest Cover to the total geographical area
Andhra Pradesh	275069	46116	16.77
Arunachal Pradesh	83743	67321	80.39
Assam	78438	27671	35.28
Bihar	94163	7291	7.74
Chhattisgarh	135191	55621	41.14
Delhi	1483	179.81	12.12
Goa	3702	2219	59.94
Gujarat	196022	14653	7.48
Haryana	44212	1586	3.59
Himachal Pradesh	55673	14683	26.37
Jammu & Kashmir	222236	22538	10.14
Jharkhand	79714	23473	29.45
Karnataka	191791	36132	18.84
Kerala	38863	17922	46.12
Madhya Pradesh	308245	77522	25.15
Maharashtra	307713	50632	16.45
Manipur	22327	16990	76.10
Meghalaya	22429	17288	77.08
Mizoram	21081	19054	90.38
Nagaland	16579	13044	78.68
Odisha	155707	50347	32.33
Punjab	50362	1772	3.52
Rajasthan	342239	16086	4.70
Sikkim	7096	3358	47.32
Tamil Nadu	130058	23844	18.33
Tripura	10486	7866	75.01
Uttar Pradesh	240928	14349	5.96
Uttarakhand	53483	24508	45.82
West Bengal	88752	16805	18.93
Andaman & Nicobar	8249	6711	81.36
Chandigarh	114	17.26	15.14
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	213	43.38
Daman & Diu	112	9.27	8.28
Lakshadweep	32	27.06	84.56
Puducherry	480	50.06	10.43

Grand Total	3287263	697898	21.23
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