

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1565
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2016

Encroachment on Forest Land

1565. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that rapid climate change has been taking place in the country due to encroachment on forestland;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the forest area in the country along with the names of the places where the maximum encroachments have taken place;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to check forest encroachment; and
- (e) the details of the incentives being given by the Government to increase the forest cover and the financial assistance granted so far for the said purpose?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) & (b) No study has so far come to the notice of the Ministry regarding rapid climate change in the country due to encroachment on forest land.
- (c) The State-wise details of forest area encroached as reported by State Governments is given in Annexure-I.
- (d) To prevent fresh encroachments various measures are taken by the State Forest Departments such as setting up of check posts, barriers, use of modern technology (that includes wireless network, remote sensing, Geographical Information System, Information Technology, use of Global Positioning System (GPS) and Differential GPS), improved mobility of the field staff by providing vehicles for patrolling, survey and demarcation of forest areas and construction of boundary pillars. Local communities are also involved in conservation, protection and management of forests through Joint Forest Management Committees/ Village level committees. The Ministry supplements the efforts of the States/UTs in protection and management of forests through Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Intensification of Forest Management Scheme.
- (e) Funds are released to State Governments under the schemes namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and Green India Mission (GIM) for the purpose of increasing the forest cover in the Country. The Ministry supplements the efforts of the States/UTs in protection and management of forests through Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS). The details of funds released in last two years under these schemes are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1565 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26.07.2016 ASKED BY SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER REGARDING ENCROACHMENT ON FOREST LAND

STATE WISE DETAILS OF FOREST AREA ENCROACHED

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	Area of Encroachment (in ha.)	As on Date
1	Andhra Pradesh	1690.72	31.03.2016
2	Bihar	132.21	31.03.2015
3	Chhattisgarh	19330.64	31.01.2016
4	Gujarat	34791.00	19.03.2011
5	Goa	Nil	25.02.2013
6	Haryana	520	31.03.2016
7	Himachal Pradesh	2339.02	31.03.2016
8	Jharkhand	27360.21	31.07.2012
9	Jammu & Kashmir	14345.02	13.02.2014
10	Karnataka	187372	31.03.2016
11	Kerala	56.43	31.03.2016
12	Madhya Pradesh	534717.28	31.03.2016
13	Maharashtra	67012.56	31.03.2016
14	Odisha	78505.08	22.07.2011
15	Punjab	6987.31	31.03.2015
16	Rajasthan	9003.91	31.12.2015
17	Tamil Nadu	15142	16.07.2014
18	Telangana	27775.64	31.03.2016
19	Uttar Pradesh	23869.50	29.02.2016
20	Uttarakhand	9646.37	22.03.2016
21	West Bengal	13779.49	31.03.2015
22	Arunachal Pradesh	58636.13	31.03.2016
23	Assam	317215.39	17.03.2015
24	Manipur	1356.80	31.03.2016
25	Meghalaya	9378.00	12.03.2011
26	Mizoram	9589.48	31.03.2016
27	Nagaland	8721.86	26.07.2011
28	Sikkim	2817.21	31.03.2016
29	Tripura	6.77	08.08.2014
30	A & N Islands	479.57	31.03.2016
31	Chandigarh	14.00	31.03.2016
32	D&N Haveli	614.40	31.03.2013
33	Daman & Diu	87.83	28.09.2010
34	Lakshadweep	Nil	28.08.2010
35	Delhi	629.51	11.04.2012
36	Puducherry	Nil	21.10.2010
	TOTAL	1483923.34	

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STATE WISE DETAILS OF FUNDS RELEASED UNDER NAP, GIM AND IFM SCHEME FOR THE YEARS 2014-15 AND 2015-16

S. No.	State	NAP (Rs. in Crores)		IFMS (Rs. In Lakhs)		GIM (Rs. In Lakhs)	
		2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.56	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Bihar	7.00	5.01	0.00	59.09	0.00	0.00
3	Chhattisgarh	20.00	10.20	411.96	120.75	0.00	2338.55
4	Gujarat	10.50	0.00	349.71	179.99	0.00	0.00
5	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Haryana	11.00	8.54	149.56	77.86	0.00	0.00
7	Himachal Pradesh	0.73	0.72	365.90	302.16	0.00	0.00
8	Jammu & Kashmir	3.59	0.00	0.00	193.93	0.00	0.00
9	Jharkhand	8.60	0.00	303.03	83.62	0.00	0.00
10	Karnataka	21.35	0.00	266.54	228.19	0.00	105.53
11	Kerala	2.82	1.05	183.76	86.00	0.00	914.82
12	Madhya Pradesh	21.00	1.02	701.07	420.00	0.00	0.00
13	Maharashtra	35.00	9.45	228.02	447.32	0.00	0.00
14	Odisha	17.92	14.90	220.50	136.00	0.00	182.92
15	Punjab	1.87	9.49	0.00	77.00	0.00	611.53
16	Rajasthan	3.35	0.00	205.09	112.54	0.00	0.00
17	Tamil Nadu	4.25	0.75	0.00	203.02	0.00	0.00
18	Telangana	2.03	1.42	160.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Uttar Pradesh	12.00	0.00	218.36	156.15	0.00	0.00
20	Uttarakhand	2.50	2.68	332.57	356.83	0.00	2020.90
21	West Bengal	0.78	3.05	115.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (Other States)		190.85	69.15	4212.26	3240.45	0.00	6174.25

North Eastern States							
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0.15	0.00	219.59	85.07	0.00	0.00
2	Assam	0.00	2.56	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
3	Manipur	8.00	3.67	0.00	240.76	0.00	834.84
4	Meghalaya	3.61	1.35	0.00	180.26	0.00	0.00
5	Mizoram	15.00	10.17	256.27	153.17	0.00	0.00
6	Nagaland	11.00	0.00	225.13	122.6	0.00	0.00
7	Sikkim	6.00	1.52	162.17	150	0.00	0.00
8	Tripura	9.17	5.73	243.84	147.19	0.00	0.00
Total (NE States)		52.93	25.00	1107.00	1079.05	0.00	834.84
1	A & N Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.00	0.00	0.00
2	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.99	0.00	0.00
3	D&N Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	New Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Puducherry	0.00	0.00	37.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		0.00	0.00	37.77	64.99	0.00	0.00
Grand Total		243.78	94.16	5357.03	4384.49	0.00	7009.09