

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2685**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2016

**Use of Forest Land**

2685. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE

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

- (a) whether approval of use of forest land has been accorded for development related projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the extent of forest land used for the said projects particularly for industrial development during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the number of projects likely to come up on said forest land; and
- (d) the number of public-private out of the said projects?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)**

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) 1569 projects covering 44379 ha. of forest land for development purposes has been accorded approval under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 during last three years by this Ministry. Year wise details are given at Annexure -I.
- (c)& (d) 752 which includes the public-private projects.

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**ANNEXURE-I**  
**Statement Showing Total Area Diverted (Category Wise) For Forest Land Under FC ACT, 1980**

Category : <u>All States</u>		During the Period : <u>01/04/2013 to 31/03/2014</u>		During the Period : <u>01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015</u>		During the Period : <u>01/04/2015</u> <u>to 25/07/2016</u>		Grand Total	
S. NO.	CATEGORY	Approved		Approved		Approved		Approved	
		No. of Cases	<u>Total Land Diverted (Ha.)</u>	No. of Cases	<u>Total Land Diverted (Ha.)</u>	No. of Cases	<u>Total Land Diverted (Ha.)</u>	No. of Cases	<u>Total Land Diverted (Ha.)</u>
1	Borehole Prospecting	1	6.84	2	39.15	1	5.00	4	50.99
2	Defence	1	565.25	4	751.00	2	192.00	7	1508.251
3	Dispensary/Hospital	0	0.00	1	39.86	3	2.04	4	41.906192
4	Disputed Settlement Claims	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0
5	Drinking Water	3	1.21	4	1.02	7	76.13	14	78.36435
6	Encroachments	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0
7	Forest Village Conversion	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	966.20	7	966.199
8	Hydel	8	1651.11	4	480.38	2	1.88	14	2133.3714
9	Industry	4	6.77	10	0.99	21	66.33	35	74.087683
10	Irrigation	14	2062.24	22	1979.34	33	3401.82	69	7443.40031
11	Mining	24	3937.15	32	6554.06	25	4000.92	81	14492.1273
12	Quarrying	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.17	1	0.1729
13	Railway	5	359.66	8	417.33	17	226.86	30	1003.85789
14	Rehabilitation	1	11.59	1	242.39	1	0.20	3	254.1845
15	Road	134	2241.99	77	1329.13	100	1754.38	311	5325.502615
16	School	2	11.15	4	0.98	4	1.34	10	13.4665
17	Thermal	5	46.90	4	395.85	4	2037.55	13	2480.295
18	Transmission Line	63	1394.84	58	2342.68	63	1119.16	184	4856.679155
19	Village Electricity	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0
20	Wind Power	1	79.90	2	147.34	3	97.74	6	324.976
21	OTHERS	281	1009.59	241	131.10	254	2191.28	776	3331.967415
<b>Total</b>		<b>547</b>	<b>13386.19</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>14852.61</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>16141.00</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>44379.80</b>