

students on various environmental issues, viz. biodiversity conservation, pollution, waste management, etc. through capacity building programmes.

Forest area in Gujarat

†1189. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area of forest land in Gujarat at present;
- (b) the area of land required to be conserved as forestland in districts of Gujarat as per the rules;
- (c) whether all the districts of Gujarat have forest land as per the rules at present; and
- (d) if not, districts of Gujarat not having forestland as per the rule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) As per information provided by State Forest Department of Gujarat, the Total recorded forest area in Gujarat State is 21859.22 square kilometre (km²).

(b) As per the rules and guidelines, a Total of 21859.22 km² of recorded forest area and 192.24 km² of other forest area are required to be conserved in Gujarat State.

(c) and (d) As informed by the State of Gujarat, all districts have forest land in the State as per rules.

Expected increase in forest cover

†1190. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state the details of increase in tree and forest cover recorded during the last five years and the percentage increase in forest area expected by 2022 in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest and tree cover of the country biennially and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). The details of increase in forest and tree cover as per ISFR - 2015, 2017 and

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