

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021

Afforestation of degraded areas

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

- (a) whether there is a national level monitoring system to map the afforestation and regeneration of degraded areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) to (c) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out assessment of forest cover of the country biennially and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR) which includes status of forest and tree cover in the country reflecting the afforestation efforts made to increase green cover in the country. As per the latest report i.e. ISFR- 2019, the total forest and tree cover in the country is 8,07,276 square kilometre (forest cover 7,12,249 square kilometre, tree cover 95,027 square kilometre) which is 24.56% of the geographical area of the country. There is an increase of about 13000 square kilometre of total forest and tree cover in the country, compared to that reported in ISFR-2015. In addition, Government of India through Forest Survey of India, Dehradun maintains the *e-Greenwatch* portal at which details of afforestation of degraded forest land through Compensatory afforestation are provided. Further afforestation efforts are also monitored by the State specific monitoring systems.
