

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2299
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

Afforestation in the country

2299. DR. SONAL MANSINGH:

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

- (a) the details of afforestation in the country since the last three years, State wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware that some States like Kerala and Karnataka have given permission to land owners for cutting the royal woods; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Annual afforestation/tree plantation targets are fixed by the Ministry for all States/UTs which are achieved through the concerted efforts involving all agencies. The State/UT wise details of afforestation/ tree plantation achievements as reported by the States/UTs during last three years (2018-19 to 2020-21) are given in Annexure I.
- (b)&(c) Permission to land owners for cutting the woods is dealt by the concerned States. State Forest Department of Kerala has informed that Revenue Department in Government of Kerala issued a circular number: U3/87/2019/Rev. dated 11.03.2020 and Government order number GO(MS) No. 261/2020/Rev dated 24.10.2020 permitting cutting of trees except Sandal trees growing in patta lands. Subsequently, Government of Kerala as per order number GO(MS) No. 30/2021/Rev dated 02.02.2021 cancelled the above circular and Government order citing the contradictions and inconsistencies with the prevailing Land Assignment Rules. Karnataka Forest Department has informed that as per Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Rules 1969, there is no wood termed as "Royal wood". Hence, the question of giving permission to land owners for cutting such wood does not arise. However, a total of 27 trees species have been exempted from seeking felling permission under section 8(7) of Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act 1976. The list of such species provided by the State is enclosed as Annexure II.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Un-starred Question No. 2299 due for reply on 09.08.2021 by Dr. Sonal Mansingh regarding 'Afforestation in the country'

State/UT-wise details of afforestation /tree plantation achievements under Twenty Point Programme during last three years (2018-19 to 2020-21)

Sl.No	NAME OF STATE/UT	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Andhra Pradesh	229409	190432	227880
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1861	483	969
3	Assam	2085	1394	11918
4	Bihar	35114	10588	61151
5	Chhattisgarh	26037	18737	66998
6	Goa	15	30	287
7	Gujarat	177148	25149	206839
8	Haryana	17000	21022	18055
9	Himachal Pradesh	9200	20261	31284
10	Jammu and Kashmir*	11371	4526	62144
11	Jharkhand	22729	31476	37262
12	Karnataka	62108	40304	80723
13	Kerala	11477	10274	21939
14	Madhya Pradesh	125750	76708	87700
15	Maharashtra	37393	501416	42831
16	Manipur	6442	1856	8697
17	Meghalaya	2743	785	765
18	Mizoram	4020	4425	4436
19	Nagaland	1539	1468	1992
20	Orissa	382364	84130	170950
21	Punjab	6845	24712	22622
22	Rajasthan	43873	24533	33511
23	Sikkim	365	2510	4546
24	Tamil Nadu	33147	14532	36034
25	Telangana	489673	564760	407141
26	Tripura	4858	33747	8297
27	Uttarakhand	21397	22396	33184
28	Uttar Pradesh	51513	347670	398069
29	West Bengal	25186	36597	112860
30	A & N Islands	713	2421	2638
31	Chandigarh	176	123	148
32	D & N Haveli	200	225	1432
33	Daman & Diu	15	60	44
34	Delhi	1608	2345	4728
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	1
36	Puducherry	63	80	994

**Jammu & Kashmir Achievements 2020-21 includes data for UTs of J&K and Ladakh*

Annexure II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of the Rajya Sabha Un-starred Question No. 2299 due for reply on 09.08.2021 by Dr. Sonal Mansingh regarding 'Afforestation in the country'

List of Species Exempted from Felling: As informed by Karnataka State Forest Department

Sl.No	Name of the Species Exempted from felling
Section 8 Sub Sec(7) of Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act,1976	
1	Acacia Hybrid
2	Acacia mangium
3	Ailanthus excelsa
4	Arecanut
5	Barma Bamboo (<i>Bamboosaburminica</i>)
6	Cashew
7	Casuarina
8	Coconut
9	Coffee
10	Erythrina
11	Eucalyptus
12	Glyrecidia
13	Guava
14	Hebbevu(<i>MellaDubia</i>)
15	Lemon
16	<i>Maesopsiseminll</i>
17	Rubber
18	Sapota
19	Sesbania
20	Silver Oak
21	Subabul
22	Yellow Bamboo (<i>Phyllostachysaurea</i>)
23	Balanji (<i>AcrocarpusFraxnifollus</i>)
24	HopeaWightine
25	Prosipis
26	Mango
27	Seemegala(<i>Dendracalamusstocksil</i>)
