

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1024
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

Identification of areas for tree plantation

1024. SMT. SUNETRA AJIT PAWAR:

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

- (a) details of the geographical areas of the country currently covered by forests, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) the names of the States which have more than 33 per cent geographical area under forest cover and the States which have a geographical area of less than 33 per cent forest cover;
- (c) whether Central Government has identified areas for tree plantation to increase forest cover;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (e) whether there is any policy to encourage individuals and non-governmental organizations involved in tree plantation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) & (b) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change carries out the assessment of forest cover biennially since 1987 and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). As per ISFR 2023, State/UT-wise details of the geographical area under forest cover and percentage of forest cover including Maharashtra are given in **Annexure-I**.
- (c) to (f) The Ministry provides technical and financial support to the States /UTs for protection, conservation and management of forests in the country. For afforestation and tree plantation, the Government provides funds under various schemes and programmes such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Development of Wildlife Habitats (DWH), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) on the basis of Annual Plan of Operation (APO)/projects submitted by the State Governments and UT Administrations on lands identified by the respective State Governments and UT Administrations. These schemes support the efforts of the States and UTs for forest landscape restoration, habitat improvement, soil and water conservation measures, and protection etc. Afforestation is also carried out by the States/ UTs under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

As informed by the State Government of Maharashtra, a massive tree plantation program for planting of 50 crore trees was undertaken in the state of Maharashtra with involvement of all the stakeholders. Government of Maharashtra is also implementing the scheme "Amritvriksha Aapla Dari" (Amrut Trees at your Doorstep) allowing every citizen to participate in the movement for Amrutvruksh plantation and contribute to environmental conservation.

In addition, Central Government has launched a campaign एक_पेड़_माँ_के_नाम #Plant4Mother on World Environment Day 2024 to undertake plantation activities across the country following the “Whole of Government” and “Whole of Society” approach with participation of all stakeholders for increasing the green cover. As per information made available on Meri Life Portal, planting of 113 Crore seedlings have been reported in the country till date.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) &(b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1024 due for answer on 13.02.2025 regarding 'Identification of areas for tree plantation'

State/UT-wise details of areas under Forest Cover as per ISFR 2023

(Area in square kilometre)

State /UT	Geographical Area	Total Forest Cover	Percentage of Forest Cover w.r.t. Geographical area
Andhra Pradesh	1,62,922.57	30,084.96	18.46
Arunachal Pradesh	83,743.22	65,881.57	78.67
Assam	78,438.00	28,313.55	36.10
Bihar	94,163.00	7,532.45	8.00
Chhattisgarh	1,35,192.00	55,811.75	41.28
Delhi	1,483.00	195.28	13.17
Goa	3,702.00	2,265.72	61.20
Gujarat	1,96,244.00	15,016.64	7.65
Haryana	44,212.00	1,614.26	3.65
Himachal Pradesh	55,673.00	15,580.35	27.99
Jharkhand	79,716.00	23,765.78	29.81
Karnataka	1,91,791.00	39,254.27	20.47
Kerala	38,852.00	22,059.36	56.78
Madhya Pradesh	3,08,252.11	77,073.44	25.00
Maharashtra	3,07,713.00	50,858.53	16.53
Manipur	22,327.00	16,585.46	74.29
Meghalaya	22,429.00	16,966.84	75.65
Mizoram	21,081.00	17,990.46	85.34
Nagaland	16,579.00	12,222.47	73.72
Odisha	1,55,707.00	52,433.56	33.67
Punjab	50,362.00	1,846.09	3.67
Rajasthan	3,42,238.99	16,548.21	4.84
Sikkim	7,096.00	3,358.40	47.33
Tamil Nadu	1,30,060.00	26,450.22	20.34
Telangana	1,12,122.44	21,179.04	18.89
Tripura	10,486.00	7,584.77	72.33
Uttar Pradesh	2,40,927.56	15,045.80	6.24
Uttarakhand	53,483.36	24,303.83	45.44
West Bengal	88,752.00	16,832.33	18.97
A & N Islands	8,249.00	6,732.92	81.62
Chandigarh	114.00	25.00	21.93
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	602.00	225.62	37.48
Jammu & Kashmir	2,22,236.00	21,346.39	39.07
Ladakh		2,285.92	1.36
Lakshadweep	29.63	27.06	91.33
Puducherry	490.00	44.31	9.04
Total	32,87,468.88	7,15,342.61	21.76
