

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 955
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024

Funds for Conservation of Forests

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

- (a) the forest cover in hectares and its percentage in the country, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the funds provided by the Government to various States for conservation, development and augmentation of forests and natural resources during the last five years and the current year, scheme, year and State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) whether central schemes are being run under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change to promote adaptation activities in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the nature is showing its fierce form due to indiscriminate development and over exploitation of forest and natural resources; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/being taken by the Government to check the natural calamities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) As per latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) – 2021 published by Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, the total forest cover of the country is 7,13,789 square kilometre which is 21.71% of the geographical area of the country. The State-wise details of the forest cover in the country including the State of Maharashtra is given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The Government has provided funds under various schemes and programmes such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) etc. These funds supports the efforts of the States and UTs for ecological restoration through afforestation in and outside forest areas, forest landscape restoration, habitat improvement, soil and water conservation measures, and protection etc.

The details of funds provided by the Ministry to States and UTs including Maharashtra during the last five years and current year under the Green India Mission, CAMPA,

Development of Wildlife Habitats, Nagar Van Yojana and MISHTI etc. are given at **Annexure-II** to **Annexure-VI** respectively.

- (c) The National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change (NAFCC) was established to finance climate change adaptation projects for vulnerable States and Union Territories of India, with NABARD serving as the National Implementing Entity (NIE). A total of 30 projects were sanctioned under NAFCC across different states. NAFCC was transformed from scheme to non-scheme in 2022.
- (d) Various parts of the country have witnessed increasing extreme weather events in the backdrop of global warming. Complex interactions between the earth system components amidst the warming environment and regional anthropogenic influences have led to a rise in frequency of localized heavy rainfall events, drought and flood occurrences, increase in the intensity of tropical cyclones etc.
- (e) The Government of India stands committed to combating climate change through its several programmes and schemes including the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) which is the overarching framework for all climate actions. States /Union Territories (UTs) have prepared their State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) in line with NAPCC taking into account the State specific issues relating to climate change. There is National Policy on Disaster Management to ensure efficient response and relief in the event of disasters. Disaster Management Plan has been framed to assist all stakeholders including State Governments in Disaster Risk Management. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued guidelines on many extreme weather and climate events. India has also proactively taken a lead in promoting international collaborations through Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

Annexure I

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 955
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**State/UT wise details of Forest Cover in the country as per ISFR 2021
(Area in hectares)**

States/UTs	Geographical area	Forest Cover	Percentage of Geographical Area
Andhra Pradesh	1,62,96,800	29,78,400	18.28
Arunachal Pradesh	83,74,300	66,43,100	79.33
Assam	78,43,800	28,31,200	36.09
Bihar	94,16,300	7,38,100	7.84
Chhattisgarh	1,35,19,200	55,71,700	41.21
Delhi	1,48,300	19,500	13.15
Goa	3,70,200	2,24,400	60.62
Gujarat	1,96,24,400	14,92,600	7.61
Haryana	44,21,200	1,60,300	3.63
Himachal Pradesh	55,67,300	15,44,300	27.73
Jharkhand	79,71,600	23,72,100	29.76
Karnataka	1,91,79,100	38,73,000	20.19
Kerala	38,85,200	21,25,300	54.70
Madhya Pradesh	3,08,25,200	77,49,300	25.14
Maharashtra	3,07,71,300	50,79,800	16.51
Manipur	22,32,700	16,59,800	74.34
Meghalaya	22,42,900	17,04,600	76.00
Mizoram	21,08,100	17,82,000	84.53
Nagaland	16,57,900	12,25,100	73.90
Odisha	1,55,70,700	52,15,600	33.50
Punjab	50,36,200	1,84,700	3.67
Rajasthan	3,42,23,900	16,65,500	4.87
Sikkim	7,09,600	3,34,100	47.08
Tamil Nadu	1,30,06,000	26,41,900	20.31
Telangana	1,12,07,700	21,21,400	18.93
Tripura	10,48,600	7,72,200	73.64
Uttar Pradesh	2,40,92,800	14,81,800	6.15
Uttarakhand	53,48,300	24,30,500	45.44
West Bengal	88,75,200	16,83,200	18.96
A&N Islands	8,24,900	6,74,400	81.75
Chandigarh	11,400	2,288	20.07
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	60,200	22,775	37.83
Jammu & Kashmir* Shapefile Area* (54,62,400)	2,22,23,600	21,38,700	39.15
Ladakh		2,27,200	1.35

Shapefile Area* (1,68,05,500)			
Lakshadweep	3,000	2,710	90.33
Puducherry	49,000	5,330	10.88
Grand Total	32,87,46,900	7,13,78,900	21.71

** Area of shapefile provided by Survey of India (August, 2021). Notified geographical areas for individual UTs from SOI are awaited.*

Annexure II

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 955
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**Details of funds released to all States/UTs for the last five years and current year under
National Mission for a Green India (GIM)**

(Rs. In Crores)

Sl. No.	States	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	2.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	13.43	21.28	0.00	0.00
3	Chhattisgarh	5.04	1.66	6.12	0.00	0.09	0.00
4	Haryana	0.00	0.00	9.55	0.00	7.60	12.19
5	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	17.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	25.73	0.00	6.49	0.00	0.00
7	Karnataka	2.21	2.35	4.45	2.93	2.33	0.00
8	Kerala	16.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Madhya Pradesh	30.65	0.00	18.29	17.93	8.62	23.61
10	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Manipur	4.16	6.74	9.93	5.45	8.91	0.00
12	Mizoram	17.71	2.99	29.86	36.27	21.13	0.00
13	Odisha	14.19	26.01	17.74	8.4756	12.59	0.00
14	Punjab	3.19	-	3.32	2.7393	5.38	0.00
15	Sikkim	3.12	2.19	7.77	6.57	7.50	12.24
16	Uttarakhand	0.00	27.89	33.99	28.40	31.94	0.00
17	West Bengal	9.43	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.76	0.00
18	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.43	0.00
Total		106.01	112.65	156.46	137.29	112.28	48.05

Annexure III

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 955
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**Details of Annual Plan of Operations of States/UTs approved by National Authority for
the last five years and current year**

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	State/UTs Name	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25(upto 1 st July, 2024)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1.56	0.00	2.13	0.00	10.97	6.70	10.42
2	Andhra Pradesh	118.00	322.97	330.82	325.00	224.09	226.70	248.37
3	Arunachal Pradesh	259.15	0.00	155.46	240.35	195.29	190.69	0.00
4	Assam	45.21	55.89	88.34	95.01	162.16	109.69	0.00
5	Bihar	37.40	140.18	238.76	106.84	115.42	37.88	0.00
6	Chandigarh	1.27	1.87	2.26	3.60	1.66	1.54	1.40
7	Chhattisgarh	897.52	848.51	1347.02	1500.76	688.46	471.21	519.58*
8	Delhi	0.00	0.00	19.55	16.15	33.93	47.15	34.55
9	Goa	4.83	17.95	32.68	21.55	36.53	31.28	29.56
10	Gujarat	212.66	256.47	240.69	200.00	205.00	250.02	310.50
11	Haryana	195.95	100.97	203.95	317.59	270.68	69.03	-
12	Himachal Pradesh	127.72	145.82	158.38	138.10	190.23	185.14	184.52
13	Jammu and Kashmir	113.76	126.74	184.33	269.97	312.69	370.55	276.38*
14	Jharkhand	399.53	399.29	376.56	437.608	764.85	412.14	459.00
15	Karnataka	101.41	146.23	212.94	321.09	270.98	313.89	275.85
16	Kerala	7.96	0.00	15.78	25.13	17.26	9.06	8.93
17	Ladakh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.55	0.00
18	Madhya Pradesh	383.67	456.09	860.93	713.46	889.84	1070.61	1109.82
19	Maharashtra	230.00	499.38	599.32	688.27	708.11	597.57	720.82
20	Manipur	24.85	30.36	27.79	25.09	22.59	20.26	0.00
21	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	33.97	36.40	26.67	30.91	24.75
22	Mizoram	8.30	0.00	32.66	18.08	16.74	14.60	22.77
23	Odisha	0.00	610.52	773.39	901.03	1191.31	948.04	1099.58
24	Punjab	102.56	102.15	177.85	218.06	203.01	257.10	125.94
25	Rajasthan	205.67	265.39	280.70	286.70	249.19	286.49	198.44
26	Sikkim	0.00	54.99	75.49	95.30	92.85	79.95	44.00
27	Tamil Nadu	7.71	0.00	66.62	0.00	38.22	44.149	57.80*
28	Telangana	237.38	501.26	483.78	752.71	772.65	455.30	404.85*
29	Tripura	16.70	20.83	21.51	35.242	52.90	59.77	61.87
30	UP	150.60	285.68	442.01	586.89	344.08	172.04	155.24
31	Uttarakhand	318.30	218.00	353.64	726.88	320.15	383.82	335.37
32	West Bengal	23.10	70.07	74.00	58.30	52.83	79.40	63.51
	Total	4232.77	5677.61	7913.31	9161.15	8481.34	7293.23	6783.82

* Including spillover amount for FY 2023-24.

Annexure IV

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 955 due for answer on 29.07.2024 regarding 'Funds for Conservation of Forests'

Details of funds released to State/ UT Governments under Central Sponsored Scheme - 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' during last five years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	A& N Islands	132.64	0	135.77	25.125	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	512.69	312.5865	419.80617	276.44062	672.462
4	Assam	164.26	0	0	209.1464	565.10763
5	Bihar	148.142	205.1644	410.85952	0	336.37223
6	Chandigarh	0	25.16	0	21.6241	16.498
7	Chhattisgarh	310.0318	104.35936	274.5903	104.457	116.24868
8	Goa	111.654	0	0	0	50.10
9	Gujarat	0	124.5849	0	200.01	206.99
10	Haryana	237.6078	18.2212	127.331	30.1575	167.85
11	Himachal Pradesh	375.76554	187.63518	197.09452	114.3205	94.15328
12	Jammu & Kashmir	0	80.62863	0	0	69.57972
13	Jharkhand	93.96	198.2265	79.53315	0	14.91025
14	Karnataka	739.046	586.12634	1256.59314	291.71146	581.52346
15	Kerala	845.026	731.2845	295.7737	224.4735	921.0361
16	Madhya Pradesh	629.266	801.60127	389.34906	265.5508	471.81959
17	Maharashtra	715.781	146.08	0	350.3879	554.69645
18	Manipur	396.455	241.12	142.50646	180.64379	231.72407
19	Meghalaya	238.839	263.507	530.51253	0	243.56611
20	Mizoram	431.79	339.60855	198.9678	190.1977	304.207
21	Nagaland	953.69	260.00105	342.0315	725.6565	1306.3275
22	Odisha	701.504	697.50	726.80273	967.4976	612.81161
23	Rajasthan	741.315	309.12634	1007.64845	86.78886	0
24	Sikkim	557.355	349.623	182.97174	239.66048	187.03237
25	Tamil Nadu	409.505	334.0354	390.75715	132.95205	373.8902
26	Telangana	0	36.59304	0	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	426.251	312.9244	169.06261	266.7472	290.64425
28	Uttarakhand	1401.19	441.61031	226.34415	212.9662	498.497
29	West Bengal	891.073	710.61953	757.25599	201.30866	385.29988
30	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	5.22
31	Lakshadweep	193.272	462.409	462.086	269.9055	124.655
32	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0
33	Tripura	90.317	260.679	0	0	186.05514
34	Ladakh UT	0	223.17292	31.95	61.11591	0.06
Grand Total		12448.42614	8764.18832	8755.59767	5648.84523	9589.33752

Annexure V

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 955 due for answer on 29.07.2024 regarding 'Funds for Conservation of Forests'

Details of funds released to State/ UT Governments under Nagar Van Yojana for the last five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	56.35	0	0	0	56.35
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	117.4	358.61	5938.68	0	6414.69
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	56	24	24	104
4	Assam	0	169.61	0	0	0	169.61
5	Bihar	143.71	100.78	137.61	44.804	0	426.904
6	Chandigarh	0	0	13.412	0	0	13.412
7	Chhattisgarh	0	690.42	0	0	0	690.42
8	Goa	0	143.71	0	61.59	0	205.3
9	Gujarat	0	297.5	203	0	0	500.5
10	Haryana	0	449.02	0	0	0	449.02
11	Himachal Pradesh	0	166.46	319.4	0	0	485.86
12	Jammu & Kashmir	0	138.46	476.28	107.34	0	722.08
13	Jharkhand	87.71	236.53	1762.8	145.29	0	2232.33
14	Karnataka	216.02	140.35	0	260.44	0	616.81
15	Kerala	0	1055.28	0	0	0	1055.28
16	Madhya Pradesh	216.86	1010.7	1175.1	0	2442.53	4845.19
17	Maharashtra	158.06	156.86	193.87	0	0	508.79
18	Manipur	0	143.71	0	0	0	143.71
19	Meghalaya	0	0	242.76	0	0	242.76
20	Mizoram	0	284.06	1766.1	121.74	0	2171.9
21	Nagaland	0	129.29	0	1895.29	0	2024.58
22	Odisha	0	2030.83	0	0	0	2030.83
23	Punjab	0	262.08	0	366.088	0	628.168
24	Rajasthan	0	444.36	848.12	72.8	508.956	1874.24
25	Sikkim	0	0	390.97	42	0	432.97
26	Tamil Nadu	0	593.11	630	0	0	1223.11
27	Telangana	0	0	585.62	0	0	585.62
28	Tripura	0	353.36	0	151.44	0	504.8
29	Uttar Pradesh	0	1968.3	5.6	0	0	1973.9
30	Uttarakhand	111.3	0	86.72	0	0	198.02
31	West Bengal	0	102.06	72.8	158.07	0	332.93
Total		933.66	11241	9324.8	9389.6	2975.5	33864

Annexure VI

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Details of funds released under MISHTI

Sl. No.	States	Rs. in crores
1	Kerala	0.67
2	Gujarat	6.20
3	West Bengal	3.74
4	Puducherry	1.94
Total		12.55