

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3137

ANSWERED ON:20.12.2004

DEVELOPMENT OF THIN FOREST COVER

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the area of the land covered by their forests in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the schemes of the Union Government to convert thin forests into dense forests;
- (c) whether any schemes for the development of thin forests have been received from various States by the Union Government during the last three years and current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) by when these schemes will be cleared by the Union Government ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) The state-wise forest cover in the country as per the State of Forest Report, 2001, published by the Forest Survey of India is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme for development of forests in the country through the mechanism of Forest Development Agencies (FDAs).
- (c), (d), and (e) There is general demand from most of the states for central assistance for development and protection of forests. Under National Afforestation Programme 561 FDA projects have been approved out of a total of 660 projects received from the States. The state-wise figures of FDA project proposals received and approved are given in Annexure-II. Efforts are made to meet the demands of States to the extent possible, keeping in view the budget available with the Ministry.

Annexure I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3137 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.04 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF THIN FOREST COVER

State/UT-wise forest cover as per State of Forest Report 2001

(Area in Km<sup>2</sup>)

| State/UT          | Geographic Area | Forest Cover |         |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|
|                   | Total           | Area         | Percent |
| Andhra Pradesh    | 275,069         | 44,637       | 16.23   |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 83,743          | 68,045       | 81.25   |
| Assam             | 78,438          | 27,714       | 35.33   |
| Bihar             | 94,163          | 5,720        | 6.07    |
| Chhatisgarh       | 135,191         | 56,448       | 41.75   |
| Delhi             | 1,483           | 111          | 7.51    |
| Goa               | 3,702           | 2,095        | 56.59   |
| Gujarat           | 196,022         | 15,152       | 7.73    |
| Haryana           | 44,212          | 1,754        | 3.97    |
| Himachal Pradesh  | 55,673          | 14,360       | 25.79   |
| Jammu & Kashmir   | 222,236         | 21,327       | 9.56    |
| Jharkhand         | 79,714          | 22,637       | 28.40   |
| Karnataka         | 191,791         | 36,991       | 19.29   |
| Kerala            | 38,863          | 15,560       | 40.04   |
| Madhya Pradesh    | 308,245         | 77,265       | 25.07   |

|                   |         |        |       |
|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Maharashtra       | 307,713 | 47,482 | 15.43 |
| Manipur           | 22,327  | 16,926 | 75.81 |
| Meghalaya         | 22,429  | 15,584 | 69.48 |
| Mizoram           | 21,081  | 17,494 | 82.98 |
| Nagaland          | 16,579  | 13,345 | 80.49 |
| Orissa            | 155,707 | 48,838 | 31.36 |
| Punjab            | 50,362  | 2,432  | 4.83  |
| Rajasthan         | 342,239 | 16,367 | 4.78  |
| Sikkim            | 7,096   | 3,193  | 45.00 |
| Tamil Nadu        | 130,058 | 21,482 | 16.52 |
| Tripura           | 10,486  | 7,065  | 67.38 |
| Uttar Pradesh     | 240,928 | 13,746 | 5.71  |
| Uttaranchal       | 53,483  | 23,938 | 44.76 |
| West Bengal       | 88,752  | 10,693 | 12.05 |
| A&N Islands       | 8,249   | 6,930  | 84.01 |
| Chandigarh        | 114     | 9      | 7.51  |
| Dadra & N. Haveli | 491     | 219    | 44.60 |
| Daman & Diu       | 112     | 6      | 5.53  |
| Lakshdweep        | 32      | 27     | 85.91 |
| Pondicherry       | 480     | 36     | 7.45  |

Total 3,287,263 675,538 20.55

#### Annexure II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c), (d), (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3137  
DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.04 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF THIN FOREST COVER

| Sl. No. | Name of State/UT | No. of FDA Project proposals received upto 30.11.2004 | No. of FDA Project proposals sanctioned upto 30.11.2004 |
|---------|------------------|---|---|
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|    |                   |    |    |
|----|-------------------|----|----|
| 1  | Haryana           | 15 | 15 |
| 2  | Orissa            | 29 | 28 |
| 3  | Jammu & Kashmir   | 31 | 31 |
| 4  | Uttar Pradesh     | 61 | 56 |
| 5  | Himachal Pradesh  | 26 | 25 |
| 6  | Uttaranchal       | 30 | 28 |
| 7  | Punjab            | 9  | 4  |
| 8  | Bihar             | 9  | 6  |
| 9  | Gujarat           | 15 | 13 |
| 10 | Jharkhand         | 27 | 26 |
| 11 | Maharashtra       | 41 | 38 |
| 12 | Rajasthan         | 14 | 13 |
| 13 | Tamil Nadu        | 32 | 31 |
| 14 | West Bengal       | 20 | 14 |
| 15 | Andhra Pradesh    | 32 | 24 |
| 16 | Chhattisgarh      | 27 | 26 |
| 17 | Goa               | 3  | 3  |
| 18 | Karnataka         | 41 | 35 |
| 19 | Kerala            | 25 | 14 |
| 20 | Madhya Pradesh    | 42 | 30 |
| 21 | Arunachal Pradesh | 16 | 13 |
| 22 | Assam             | 28 | 17 |
| 23 | Manipur           | 12 | 11 |
| 24 | Meghalaya         | 7  | 7  |
| 25 | Mizoram           | 30 | 19 |
| 26 | Nagaland          | 18 | 16 |
| 27 | Sikkim            | 7  | 7  |
| 28 | Tripura           | 13 | 11 |

Total 660 561