

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

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CHECK ON DEFORESTATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment about the environmental problem caused by deforestation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b). The Forest Survey of India brings out biennial report on Forest Cover of the country and the changes in it. The India State of Forest Report 2011 provides an assessment of forest resources in the country. The report also provides an assessment of latest forest cover in the country and the changes in it.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to conserve and protect the forests inter alia include the implementation of (i) the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; (ii) the Forest Policy, 1988, the National Environment Policy, 2006, the Wildlife Conservation Strategy, 2002; and (iii) the National Afforestation Programme, the National Afforestation and Eco-development programme and the Green India Mission.