

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted tree census in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State-wise particularly in Delhi;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) No tree census has been conducted at the National level. However, Forest Survey of India (FSI) brings out a biennial India State of Forest Report (ISFR). This report contains information on forest and tree cover including estimated number of stems by species and diameter class in "Trees outside forests" at country level, based on sample survey. The Delhi Tree Authority under the provisions of Delhi Preservation of Tree Act, 1994 has taken initiative for conducting tree census in Delhi. This tree census at pilot level, with the involvement of Resident Welfare Associations (RWA's) /Eco-clubs has been completed at 21 locations in Delhi, as per the details given in Annexure-I.