

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

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TREE CENSUS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct India's first national tree census;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the methodology proposed to be adopted in this regard;
- (c) the funds allocated for the said purpose;
- (d) whether the census will encourage the participation of Government departments, civil society, local citizens, schools, NGO etc.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken for accurate enumeration of trees in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR):

(a) to (e) There is no plan to conduct census of the trees at national level. However, Forest Survey of India (FSI) conducts regular inventory of forest and trees outside forests under its National Forest Inventory Programme. The Inventory is conducted by selecting 60 districts randomly on a cycle of two years. On the basis of data collected from these 60 districts and data of preceding 2 cycles, growing stock estimates are generated at National and State levels and the results are published in "India State of Forest Report (ISFR)" on biennial basis. As per the latest India State of Forest Report 2013, estimated number of stems in forests and Trees outside forests at country level are given in Annexure I and II respectively. The Forest Survey of India carries out its mandated activities with the help of regular employees and contractual staff of the organization.