

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Forest Research Institute
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposed budget for the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun for the fiscal year 2015-16 and the funds released so far;
- (b) whether funding for the said Institute has been slashed resulting in sacking of staff and the employees are forced into multi-tasking; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor including the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) The proposed budget for Forest Research Institute in the fiscal year 2015-2016 is Rs. 42.87 Crore and the funds released so far are Rs. 21.45 Crore.

(b) & (c) The funding to Forest Research Institute (FRI) has reduced in the current year but no Permanent staff has been sacked in the Institute. The number of persons engaged through service provider for security, sanitation, maintenance of water-electricity supply, civil works, nursery operations and laboratory maintenance has been reduced from 345 to 176 as compared to previous financial year. Some essential activities have been reallocated as per functional requirements of the institute.

The availability of fund for the purpose other than salary of the employees (i.e., for research and other works including administrative exigencies) for the last year & current year is as follows:-

(Rs. In Crore)

Year Budget allotted to FRI Budget allotted to FRI under Plan-General Component for research & other administrative exigencies

Budget Released to FRI

2014-2015 51.22 10.43 10.43

2015-2016 42.87 4.05 2.04

Additional demand of funds has been proposed by the Ministry in the first batch of supplementary demand for Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun which manages the Forest Research Institute.