

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any survey on Indian Forest Types has been done;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct fresh survey/study in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Forest Survey of India, Dehradun has carried out a project on mapping of the forest types for the entire country and the forest types of the States and UTs have been brought out in the form of a national atlas in the year 2011. The salient findings of the project are as follows:-

(i) About 41.87% of India's forest cover falls in the Tropical Dry Deciduous type group, Tropical Moist Deciduous type group (19.73%) and Tropical Semi Evergreen type group (13.79%)

(ii) Sub Tropical Dry Evergreen type group is the smallest (0.03%) followed by Tropical Dry Evergreen type group (0.13%)

(iii) 178 out of 200 forest types have been mapped. 22 forest types could not be mapped due to various reasons including some limitations of the data used in the study, limitation of ground truthing and in a few cases due to possible disappearance of the forest type of degradation stages. The details of forest cover area under different forest type groups are given in Annexure.

(c), (d) & (e) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has revisited Forest Types of India in the year 2012-13. The Outcome of the study is in the form of a book titled "Forest Types of India: Revised" published by ICFRE in May, 2013.