

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 257
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023

Diversion of Forest Land under FCA, 1980

*257. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) the details of the projects for which forest land, which was obtained from Revenue and Forest Department for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation (CA), were diverted since 2008 under Forest Conservation Act 1980, State-wise;
- (b) the data of land area under each category, State/year-wise;
- (c) the data of the land area in hectares where Compensatory Afforestation has been undertaken by the Government in the country since 2008;
- (d) whether the Government has set up any mechanism to ensure compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA) in implementation of Compensatory Afforestation projects to protect forest rights of tribals and forest dwellers; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the rights of tribals and forest dwellers while disbursing Compensatory Afforestation funds to the States?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 257 to be answered on 07.08.2023 on “Diversion of Forest land under FCA, 1980” by Shri Feroze Varun Gandhi

- (a) to (c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched an online portal namely ‘PARIVESH’ for submission and processing of online proposals for approval of use of forest land for non-forestry purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As per the information available in the portal a total of 17,301 projects involving 3,05,945.38 hectares of forest land have been approved for non-forest use under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 since 2008-09 to 2022-23.

The State/UT-wise details of forest land diverted for non-forestry use are enclosed as **Annexure-I** and the category wise details are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

As per information, received from States/UTs the Compensatory Afforestation (CA) has been taken up over an area of 934386.22 ha during 2008-09 to 2022-23. The State/UT/year- wise details are **at Annexure-III**.

- (d) & (e) It is the responsibility of the concerned States/UTs to ensure the Compliance under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 before handing over the forest land to any user agency.

Moreover, Land acquisition is undertaken by the concerned State Governments/UT administrations under various Central and State Acts, including the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (RFCTLARR Act, 2013)

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to part (a to b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 257 due for reply on 07.08.2023 regarding 'Diversion of Forest Land under FCA, 1980' asked by SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI

States/UTs wise details of the forest land diverted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use since 2008-09 to 2022-23 (Area in hectare)

S. No.	STATE / UT	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Grand Total
1	Andaman and Nicobar	3.33	0.01	0.00	4.14	8.43	10.57	0.00	14.97	5.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	146.68
2	Andhra Pradesh	281.86	106.43	3840.94	905.25	270.98	409.29	376.63	1743.52	5.36	1206.34	502.15	196.93	782.28	302.96	162.28	11093.20
3	Arunachal Pradesh	351.61	851.81	605.20	694.48	326.45	1992.79	277.52	62.41	188.42	222.86	0.00	4577.84	95.37	1426.23	1105.53	12778.50
4	Assam	65.51	912.26	16.18	100.92	121.60	8.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	19.98	1157.35	109.65	45.42	2558.74
5	Bihar	20.75	2.34	839.17	2190.20	96.41	247.81	144.55	35.53	165.68	571.67	330.86	427.11	481.81	145.08	467.88	6166.85
6	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	1.44	0.31	0.00	0.07	40.23	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	42.54
7	Chhattisgarh	1394.90	665.05	992.78	3653.27	250.24	1269.78	907.34	2100.61	752.08	294.12	641.86	0.00	209.10	1474.97	476.45	15082.55
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.54	0.05	2.63	1.58	0.00	5.38	0.01	0.00	1.50	4.18	5.43	11.70	1.15	0.13	0.00	34.28
9	Daman and Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.43	0.00	6.38
10	Delhi	11.57	0.00	3.74	0.00	0.00	3.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.75	63.30	103.79
11	Goa	148.12	0.00	0.87	11.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.49	1.19	0.00	97.65	3.81	178.19	483.41
12	Gujarat	485.75	3316.98	1249.51	598.72	862.09	148.50	384.95	533.98	310.03	154.24	1198.98	1785.91	1891.10	1675.54	1474.30	16070.58
13	Haryana	298.31	833.46	351.22	331.36	111.35	609.99	110.36	340.53	364.98	323.46	531.80	566.19	363.61	571.67	127.97	5836.23
14	Himachal Pradesh	400.61	800.26	1336.01	318.72	565.24	22.52	284.37	132.47	31.81	294.44	669.14	412.82	323.14	454.90	650.29	6696.75
15	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	235.33	186.51	423.04
16	Jharkhand	2319.37	442.83	3027.52	1888.87	1768.06	496.18	659.43	271.87	119.02	351.73	1448.05	865.36	413.67	739.99	879.36	15691.30
17	Karnataka	546.78	1343.28	776.08	233.49	6.61	77.12	74.45	139.56	199.20	326.52	39.10	230.50	299.78	94.75	661.17	5048.39
18	Kerala	49.75	14.25	5.03	6.63	0.58	31.20	0.00	9.53	4.16	0.17	2.88	0.80	1.20	3.90	137.19	267.27
19	Madhya Pradesh	671.76	1830.80	2595.76	1407.17	1487.92	2739.40	2139.14	2609.11	896.63	4523.88	5741.40	2095.89	6352.90	3490.39	2045.71	40627.85

20	Maharashtra	759.51	822.71	1718.76	633.46	648.24	1234.45	1222.21	1243.80	1519.11	1367.56	431.39	183.79	113.10	577.21	822.68	13297.99
21	Manipur	0.00	10.00	36.00	7.88	205.00	1325.82	324.70	86.14	96.00	1063.62	0.00	24.50	0.00	242.13	337.12	3758.91
22	Meghalaya	1.37	4.27	0.16	123.87	114.02	0.98	138.11	0.00	4.82	0.00	0.00	0.03	6.55	0.00	27.39	421.57
23	Mizoram	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	384.03	148.98	0.00	0.24	0.00	17.50	46.48	0.00	178.86	150.05	926.88
24	Orissa	641.88	2724.58	1001.04	869.70	2770.80	807.14	3036.26	902.97	250.19	2011.45	3635.74	4075.63	1842.86	1002.13	2748.43	28320.80
25	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Punjab	304.51	56271.67	333.71	93.05	157.57	590.89	290.00	187.27	46.08	651.87	629.67	283.83	361.06	742.20	374.81	61318.19
27	Rajasthan	983.37	1917.34	1909.06	95.10	558.37	317.55	1706.91	110.68	2176.63	130.69	801.68	511.20	151.42	410.89	1096.92	12877.81
28	Sikkim	202.35	699.02	187.14	82.70	14.11	97.51	0.99	27.99	12.28	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.20	104.67	1449.58
29	Tamil Nadu	104.63	33.57	14.76	27.19	25.57	32.80	21.86	512.42	9.77	0.76	32.33	27.95	11.10	17.59	46.65	918.96
30	Telangana	1306.87	484.41	106.24	147.34	229.93	6089.94	161.38	2420.46	2.49	4891.81	2184.12	377.94	628.00	207.11	181.51	19419.56
31	Tripura	53.03	25.38	399.19	31.19	26.00	65.20	33.23	61.05	11.12	3.33	8.48	294.38	348.04	246.38	254.42	1860.41
32	Uttar Pradesh	103.34	232.74	565.21	170.14	271.50	812.13	390.66	214.32	123.83	6.96	138.81	39.68	1086.71	1685.94	1124.36	6966.32
33	Uttarakhand	1190.54	2327.05	1024.01	174.46	3078.86	208.36	164.43	1401.94	136.21	1072.04	338.43	170.35	1156.89	513.95	1183.55	14141.08
34	West Bengal	0.08	70.48	177.67	35.61	2.60	6.00	6.31	78.00	34.57	75.99	26.91	102.33	137.14	87.53	267.78	1109.00
	Total	12701.97	76743.76	23117.05	14841.85	13978.51	20045.70	13045.01	15241.13	7467.49	19592.78	19359.26	17329.14	18314.23	16785.62	17381.88	305945.38

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Annexure-II

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S. No.	Category	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Grand Total
1	Approach Access	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	2.68	12.35	30.55	34.82	36.88	117.65
2	Borehole Prospecting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Canal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.89	6.88	3.02	15.80
4	Defence	365.78	3187.38	2091.22	14.77	903.30	5417.78	1231.00	180.00	0.98	3636.83	4159.09	187.44	2601.08	100.00	261.26	24337.92
5	Dispensary/Hospital	2.11	7.74	1.60	0.00	0.55	0.00	39.86	0.02	2.20	0.17	41.37	0.00	1.10	11.02	6.81	114.55
6	Drinking Water	39.61	44.79	22.68	29.22	3.96	5.44	6.04	69.54	28.00	21.06	17.37	234.92	513.78	63.21	144.36	1243.98
7	Encroachments	0.00	504.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.25	0.00	0.00	8.38	514.19
8	Forest Village Conversion	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	966.20	0.00	929.04	285.70	0.00	210.00	298.27	394.80	3084.00
9	Hydel	285.84	217.47	3941.17	105.92	288.07	1683.21	268.88	44.15	42.15	41.33	116.85	4633.78	593.49	222.42	651.66	13136.38
10	Industry	0.00	0.00	9.20	0.00	0.00	6.77	1.23	66.31	0.91	37.15	181.28	12.51	43.27	31.96	5.93	396.53
11	Irrigation	2741.35	400.31	2642.03	2564.61	420.91	2441.43	2100.19	2238.14	3595.71	4128.79	5371.39	2813.77	1542.04	1784.88	1834.74	36620.31
12	Mining	4653.19	2327.69	4943.81	6336.96	4488.39	4263.72	3705.52	3739.06	1383.75	4077.98	5243.53	3214.29	2393.62	3938.26	3572.98	58282.76
13	Optical Fibre Cable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.73	91.47	121.67	92.79	48.76	370.42
14	Others	912.84	6126.76	818.86	739.31	3645.46	1124.00	246.67	2210.97	369.54	1586.33	525.70	1276.89	1430.45	807.05	708.50	77667.33

15	Pipeline	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.67	96.43	127.13	162.78	405.01
16	Quarrying	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	10.30	14.34	13.79	6.69	2.59	1.21	0.99	50.09	
17	Railway	225.14	320.43	447.86	51.40	189.59	359.66	653.06	382.96	76.22	1831.98	236.84	612.87	1049.79	1169.33	1700.60	9307.75	
18	Rehabilitation	0.00	833.00	0.00	1.01	200.00	11.59	242.39	0.20	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.50	86.90	75.11	1792.71	
19	Road	2209.50	4388.72	4974.47	2235.51	1758.24	3083.20	1576.29	2024.44	1289.34	2336.16	2084.66	2655.95	5267.18	4876.88	4566.42	45326.96	
20	School	12.73	13.61	1.81	14.31	0.00	11.16	0.98	2.44	0.64	6.96	12.79	0.18	0.03	39.92	6.23	123.76	
21	Solar Power	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.09	0.00	1.10	
22	Sub Station	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.98	45.42	9.95	2.21	70.56	
23	Thermal	0.00	647.45	622.84	10.32	130.36	47.72	395.85	2037.55	0.00	114.36	10.70	46.51	38.10	0.00	0.00	4101.76	
24	Transmission Line	1127.48	1809.59	2100.53	2470.89	1851.58	1510.12	2429.71	1193.86	293.93	816.99	974.01	1484.70	2281.76	2707.54	3072.02	26124.72	
25	Village Electricity	0.00	7.69	5.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	2.20	35.78	11.92	3.19	374.10	117.42	557.84	
26	Wind Power	126.38	768.56	493.95	267.61	98.07	79.90	147.34	85.11	73.33	10.76	30.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	2181.31	
Grand Total		12701.97	76743.76	23117.05	14841.85	13978.51	20045.70	13045.01	15241.13	7467.49	19592.78	19359.26	17329.14	18314.23	16785.62	17381.88	30594.538	

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Annexure-III

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State/UT wise details of the Compensatory Afforestation (Area in Ha.)

S. No.	State / UT	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	A&N	4.907	0.2428	10.218	0.56	1.005	3.13	0.0122	6.04	0	26.857	0	0.45	0	0	36.56
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	662	2200	4191	6596	6094	5763	4349	4328	3093	4033	15829	5645	5777	4439.04
3	Arunachal Pradesh	255	36.3	0	849	2024	1071	1646	2485	1463.75	2692	897.4	389.55	1830.17	12193.93	4458.67
4	Assam	0	0	165.802	1120.8	0	1969.45	0	0	527.1326	0	374.112	714.318	79.26	120.62	45.28
5	Bihar	0	0	84.1	210.38	510.76	165.4	75.992	502.24	56.19	236.4	796	189.08	1661.506	0	1,321.09
6	Chandigarh	0	2	2.18	0	0.14	0	19.13	10.2	12	10	8.82	10.5	14	0.79	0.14
7	Chhattisgarh	2050.092	4297.852	2265.026	1968.38	4205.206	3204.851	3885.159	3257.299	3082.466	1048	4585.017	1634.797	3037.289	1763.154	490.545
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Delhi	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	28.58	0	0	0	0	47.54	23.02	90.48
10	Goa	26	9.2127	75	75	55	40	12.6	0	7	0	5	40	200	200	299
11	Gujarat	0	85	3468	1435	2900	1961	1777	2048	1183	847	746	1922.42	1547.41	6458.55	8909.88
12	Haryana	120.81	0	538.2	433.54	460.32	498.52	359.94	359.86	1260.41	555.63	1102.22	294.04	1240.02	1870.22	1608.83
13	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	2025	1456	2760	3877	5407.19	4114.43	3762	1382.75	581.69	568.32	876	954.36	886
14	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	2885	5196	5153	7612	5396	5158	4637	5076	4276	6636	12474	9495	12349
15	Jharkhand	0	0	0	37851.82	8213.5	6944.04	8814.87	8526.57	9796.28	8073.05	3690.11	16108.25	12079.02	12412.86	17600.83
16	Karnataka	0	4895.57	3176.42	8381.63	4375.74	6104.32	3424.62	6069.17	3214.65	3521.74	3465.29	6270.36	15780.62	9895.27	10543.85
17	Kerala	0	0	31.5	61	86	122.24	42.9		170		276.47	0	431.59	619.03	65
18	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	1098	1632	4114.46	2650.01	2955.09	685.85	1813.45	1820.75	2277.42	3468.59	2111.62	5104.86	4493.98	2765.52	6365

19	Maharashtra	2110.24	910.99	691.66	3578.24	4783.52	760.02	1325.14	773.64	832.51	1684.97	1043.03	2738.16	633.57	218.35	182.278
20	Manipur	0	0	0	0	104	135	320.35	272	635.5	3227.934	223.86	0	666.94	0	0
21	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	228.64	26	47.8	37	0	0	0	0	25.69	286.74	58.455
22	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	778.98	0	620.93	875.1	0	351.72	0	1236.5	1303.78	29.96
23	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Odisha		5020.78	4169.03	4371.87	2238.2	5573.45	10480.23	7919.11	1734.99	2260.92		5166.29	4007.61	3948.72	4665.56
25	Punjab	0	0	2680	4924	3266	400	1979	2655	3669	2761.91	3562.44	5892.48	4769.99	5721.99	5375
26	Rajasthan	0	0	0	8393	6038.88	3829.32	2837.06	9012.74	9365.57	7456.8	8533.56	8610.59	12097.85	18323.52	10711.79
27	Sikkim	0	0	336.34	202.08	351.41	158	580.07	471.94	0	321.64	87	171.64	106.04	183.98	94.67
28	Tamil Nadu	0	0	241.52	320.951	130.875	166.93	170.868	148.104	71.259	24.4	44.64	2.19	0	0	82.57
29	Telangana	1617.41	0	1011.74	998	171.23	183.96	564.52	451.59	1164.2	1006.21	3552.8	4414.51	4178.16	2490.07	2052.71
30	Tripura	0	0	0	0	194.2	259.5	552.4	384.87	648.82	572.21	125.58	484.338	182.8	391.86	566.4
31	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	1635.78	868.05	1652.73	45.16	2374.93	4605.24	1892.95	1032.19	682.71	1070.08	1011.08	1538.98
32	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	3843.43	439	2696.25	2077.91	994.64	2621.83	3474.21	2714.79	3222.45	2597.28	2552.05	2415
33	West Bengal	124.24	2.43	42.16	157.93	45.66	30.8	46.77	7.8	33.88	79.53	268.65	97.71	122.42	282.032	130.325
	Total	7406.699	17554.38	30213.36	94405.4	59155.43	57003.74	59465.14	64859.43	62035.19	54794.7	48489.01	87195.02	93132.34	101263.5	97412.9