

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2021

Forest fires in the country

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

- (a) the number of forests fires in the country during the last five years;
- (b) steps Government has taken to deal with increased cases of forest fires in the country; and
- (c) the implementation status of Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention and Management (FPM) Scheme and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) & (b) The number of incidences of forest fire in the country varies from year to year and occur during fire season from November to May every year due to various natural and anthropogenic reasons including accumulation of inflammable materials such as dry leaves, twigs, pine needles etc. Most of the forest fires in the country are ground fires in which ground vegetation, etc. get burnt. The Forest Survey of India (FSI) sends forest fire alerts to all registered users on this alert system. The State/UT- wise number of forest fire alerts sent by Forest Survey of India (FSI), an organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, during last five fire seasons in **Annexure-I**.
- (c) Since forests are managed by the State Forest Departments, responsibility of forest fire prevention and management lies primarily with the respective State Governments. The Ministry supports the efforts of State/Union Territory Governments in prevention and control of forest fire by providing financial assistance for various forest fire prevention and management measures under the Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme based on their Annual Plan of Operation as per the guidelines of the scheme. A sum of about Rs.125 crore (Rupees One hundred twenty five crore) have been released to the States in last three years (2018-19 to 2020-21) under this scheme.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2125 DUE FOR REPLY ON 16.12.2021 REGARDING FOREST FIRES IN THE COUNTRY.**

State/UT	Jan 2017 to June 2017	Jan 2018 to June 2018	Nov 2018 to June 2019	Nov 2019 to June 2020	Nov 2020 to June 2021
Andaman & Nicobar Is.	72	23	37	39	16
Andhra Pradesh	12150	11028	15746	9996	19328
Arunachal Pradesh	2701	1888	2617	1786	3914
Assam	7705	5563	5935	8924	10718
Bihar	2448	2305	2450	614	5179
Chandigarh	0	2	0	2	0
Chhattisgarh	41756	35344	25750	6360	38106
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4	7	19	21	33
Daman & Diu	0	0	2	0	1
Delhi	22	22	20	21	14
Goa	162	122	140	47	45
Gujarat	3933	5431	2885	2770	3803
Haryana	570	141	135	68	152
Himachal Pradesh	1748	6112	1446	536	4110
Jammu & Kashmir	927	5324	661	438	1098
Jharkhand	13718	9913	6221	2613	21713
Karnataka	8118	5772	8078	4232	5784
Kerala	2352	908	1162	864	296
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	37193	37803	22108	9537	47795
Maharashtra	25729	33790	26939	14018	34025
Manipur	4580	6222	7384	8800	10457
Meghalaya	6402	6469	5797	6762	7658
Mizoram	6215	7422	7597	7361	12846
Nagaland	2836	3165	2898	2905	4975
Odisha	33215	32399	19159	10602	51968
Puducherry	9	11	4	0	1
Punjab	964	1494	214	153	635
Rajasthan	2048	2955	3025	3461	3402
Sikkim	64	11	64	47	63
Tamil Nadu	1699	1405	4402	1368	1220
Telangana	12927	13721	15262	12132	18237
Tripura	2049	3231	3083	4369	5015
Uttar Pradesh	5523	6347	4428	1548	8608
Uttarakhand	3623	11808	12965	759	21487
West Bengal	2321	322	1653	1320	3287
TOTAL	245783	258480	210286	124473	345989
