

**STATEMENT¹ REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 495
BY SHRI DILIPHAI PANDYA REGARDING 'DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR MINING' DUE FOR REPLY ON 08.08.2013.**

DETAILS OF FOREST AREA DIVERTED FOR MINING PURPOSES IN THE COUNTRY (AREA IN HA)

Sl. No.	Year	2010		2011		2012		2013		Total		% share of area diverted
	State / Union Territory	No. of proposals	Area Diverted	No. of proposals	Area Diverted	No. of proposals	Area Diverted	No. of proposals	Area Diverted	No. of proposals	Area Diverted	
1	Jharkhand	21	3690	13	2330.1	10	2170.9	12	2997.5	56	11188.4	21.34
2	Chhattisgarh	8	3325.8	6	2852.7	4	2580.3	4	2321.1	22	11079.8	21.13
3	Odisha	10	929.9	18	3449.4	14	1762.7	5	4265.5	47	10407.4	19.85
4	Madhya Pradesh	14	1731.3	10	461.8	12	4057.6	7	3344.3	43	9595.7	18.30
5	Andhra Pradesh	10	698	14	1819.1	10	714.1	8	1689.7	42	4920.9	9.39
Above 5 states represent 90% of forest diversion in mining over the last four years, these also happen to be Schedule V states. Chhattisgarh represents a peculiar scenario where large diversions have happened owing to contiguous and large coalfields and other minerals like iron ore, the proposal for diversion of forestland to forest area diverted ratio is very high as compared to other states.										210	47192.2	90.01
6	Uttarakhand	0	0	1	21.6	0	0	4	2197	5	2218.6	4.23
The state of Uttarakhand represents another peculiar case where almost all of forest diversion took place in year 2013. There is no large mining operation for major minerals in the state but large leases for river bed mining encompass larger areas of forest, the trend is seen across all rivers in the state.												
7	Maharashtra	3	47.8	6	237.1	2	511.8	1	44.3	12	840.9	1.60
8	Karnataka	9	682.5	1	0.4	2	4.6	0	0	12	687.5	1.31
9	Goa	6	239	1	81.4	0	0	0	0	7	320.4	0.61
10	Assam	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	307	4	309	0.59
11	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	2	264.4	0	0	2	264.4	0.50
12	Himachal Pradesh	6	7.5	5	2.7	1	239.5	0	0	12	249.7	0.48
13	Rajasthan	0	0	1	59.7	1	64	1	114.3	3	238	0.45

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14	Gujarat	1	60.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60.7	0.12
15	Tripura	3	2.4	3	11.1	0	0	0	0	6	13.6	0.03
16	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	1	12.4	0	0	1	12.4	0.02
17	Bihar	3	11.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11.6	0.02
18	West Bengal	0	0	1	4.9	0	0	0	0	1	4.9	0.01
19	Andaman & Nicobar Island	0	0	0	0	1	3.1	0	0	1	3.1	0.01
20	Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
21	Haryana	0	0	0	0	1	0.1	0	0	1	0.1	0.00
	Total	95	11427.5	82	11334	61	12385.5	44	17280.7	282	52427.4	100.00