

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.FSOID/R/E/26/00001**Applicant Name** Kola Uma Mahesh**Text of Application**

Dear sir/madam, I kindly request you to go through the RTI application made in the form of pdf and provide reply to same as soon as possible. Please find the attachment.

Reply of Application

Please find attachment for information sought.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	03/01/2026	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	05/01/2026	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Sugandha Srivastava
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	29/01/2026	Sugandha Srivastava- (CPIO)	

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Dated: 3rd January 2026

To
The Public Information Officer,
Forest Survey of India,
Dehradun.

Subject: Request to provide information regarding Recorded Forest Area- Reg.

Respected sir/madam,

I, Kola Uma Mahesh, hereby make this application under **Section 6(1)** of the **Right to Information Act, 2005**, to seek the following information:

I respectfully submit that I had filed an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005, bearing **RTI Application No. FSOID/R/E/25/00077**, dated **16 September 2025**, seeking **year-wise information on the rank list of all States and Union Territories with respect to Recorded Forest Area (RFA)**, specifically for the years **2023, 2024, and 2025**, with particular reference to the **State of Andhra Pradesh for the period 2019 to 2025**.

In response to the above RTI application, I have received a reply from your office advising me to **refer to the official website (www.fsi.nic.in)** for the required information. I respectfully submit that the said reply does not adequately address the information sought in my application. Merely directing the applicant to a website, without identifying the **exact document, table, page number, or official record** from which the information can be derived, does not satisfy the obligations of the Public Information Officer under **Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**.

1. Kindly PROVIDE THE RANK OF ANDHRA PRADESH WITH RESPECT TO RECORDED FOREST AREA (RFA) FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING YEARS SEPARATELY: 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025.
2. **As per the RFA tables published in ISFR 2021 and ISFR 2023**, it is observed that Andhra Pradesh appears to be placed at **9th position**, as **Himachal Pradesh occupies the 8th position**. However, in these reports, **explicit ranks are not mentioned against States**, unlike ISFR 2019. KINDLY CONFIRM, IF THE RANK OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AND ANDHRA PRADESH CAN BE TAKEN AS 8TH AND 9TH POSITION RESPECTIVELY AS PER THE RFA TABLES OF IFSR 2021 AND 2023.
3. Kindly provide the detailed methodology adopted for ranking States and Union Territories with respect to Recorded Forest Area (RFA), including a clear explanation of: i) How the ranking is calculated; and ii) All parameters, definitions, classifications, and components considered for calculating total RFA.
4. Kindly provide the **rank list of all States and Union Territories** with respect to Recorded Forest Area (RFA) for the years **2023, 2024, and 2025**, if such ranking is prepared or maintained.

5. If no annual ranking of States based on RFA is prepared: Kindly provide the ranking of all States and Union Territories as per the data contained in the India State of Forest Reports (ISFR) for the years 2019, 2021, and 2023, along with an explanation of how such ranking is derived from the published ISFR tables.
6. Why there is no rankings of state mentioned in the ISFR reports for each state. Why only 2 states (Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh) were provided ranks in the ISFR 2019.
7. If any **ranking lists or references** relating to Recorded Forest Area (RFA) for any of the above years exist in **reports, websites, notifications, circulars, advisories, orders, press releases, or official social media communications**, kindly provide the **exact sources/references**, including **document name, page number, URL, or copies of the relevant pages**.

I humbly request that the information sought above may be furnished **point-wise, clearly, and comprehensively**, in accordance with **Section 7(1)** of the **Right to Information Act, 2005**, so as to avoid ambiguity. Further, under **Section 4(1)(a)** and **Section 4(1)(b)** of the RTI Act, public authorities are required to maintain records duly catalogued and indexed and to proactively disclose the basis of important data presented to the public. Therefore, I respectfully request that **exact page numbers, document names, clauses, and precise locations of the information, exact page link of the website** that contains the information asked may be provided, instead of general references to websites or reports, to prevent unnecessary correspondence and to save the valuable time of both the applicant and the public authority.

Kindly note that the INFORMATION/REPLY FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO THIS APPLICATION IS INTENDED TO BE PLACED BEFORE A HON'BLE HIGH COURT IN CONNECTION WITH AN ONGOING WRIT PETITION. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the information be provided **explicitly, accurately, and in a point-wise manner, strictly in accordance with the records available.**

Kindly provide all the information as mentioned above as soon as possible. Along with the online reply to this RTI application, kindly send an email of the same information to mahesh27uma@gmail.com.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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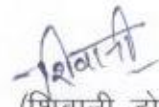
विषय:- RTI Application under Right to Information Act, 2005.

संदर्भ:- आपके पत्र संख्या: 13-3 / 2025-आर.टी.आई (पार्ट-1)-116 दिनांक 14 जनवरी, 2026

महोदया,

उपरोक्त विषय एवं संदर्भित पत्र के संबंध में, यह सूचित किया जाता है कि Sh. Kola Uma Mahesh, Telangana की RTI आवेदन संख्या FSOID/R/E/26/00001 दिनांक 03.01.2026 के क्रम में प्रश्न संख्या 1 से 5 एवं 7 के संबंध में यह सूचित किया जाता है कि भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण, भारत सरकार के पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के अधीन एक संस्थान है जो समय-समय पर देश के वन आवरण का आकलन करता है और इसके निष्कर्षों को भारत की वन स्थिति रिपोर्ट में प्रकाशित करता है। RFA से संबंधित रैंकिंग प्रकाशित नहीं करता है। प्रश्न संख्या 6 की जानकारी भारत के सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 की धारा 2(एफ) के अनुसार "क्यों" प्रश्नों के उत्तर शामिल नहीं है।

भवदीया,


(शिवानी डोगरा) भा.व.से.
संयुक्त निदेशक (एफ.जी.डी.)

सुगमेश्वर
27/01/26.

RTI cell,