

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.FSOID/R/T/25/00036**Applicant Name**

Kumar Kalbande

Text of Application

The email dated 11/10/2025 was submitted for further necessary action. In this regards, it was also found out that Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change has repatriated Shri Anoop Singh and given him relieving in order to escape various vigilance cases, audit objections, Honble high Court cases and contempt proceedings and various others charges. It may be to secure the pensionary benefits. Ministry on purpose did this during the courts diwali holiday however knowing that this matter will be soon be challenged at Honble Supreme Court. The application has been submitted to your office much earlier. Hence, in order to produce these communication and action on it at Honble Court, i urgently require documents. Hence under RTI Act 2005, please provide following information 1. Certified copies of further correspondence/action initited on email dated 11/10/2025 2. Certified copies of all the relevant documents including Notesheet I am ready to pay legal charges

Reply of Application

information sought is not available at Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	29/10/2025	Nodal Officer	CGACT/R/E/25/00516
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	30/10/2025	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Sugandha Srivastava
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	26/11/2025	Sugandha Srivastava- (CPIO)	

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Subject:-

Regarding Intimation about Shri Anoop Singh, DG, FSI, IFS (Batch1990) involved in financial fraud, willful suppression of vigilance and criminal investigations, and blatant defiance of orders from the Judiciary and Government resulted in multiple contempt proceedings and inquiries by various commissions demanding immediate attention and action if any

(Please find attachment for details representation along with annexure and documentary evidences)

Reference:-

1. WP 4441/2025, WP 72082024 and WP 1037/2025 at Hon'ble High Court of Bombay
2. Trailing email dated 26/5/2025
3. Vigilance OM No 11013/06/2025-AVU-Part(I) (E-26732) dated 24/6/2025
4. President Secretariat Petition dated 13/06/2025
5. Cabinet Secretariat Representation dated 2/6/2025 & 24/5/2024
6. UPSC Office Memorandum F No 31/01/2025-R(C&P) dated 11/6/2025
7. Vigilance OM No 11013/02/2024-AVU dtd 30/7/2024
8. DOPT OM No 28/2/2023-EO(SM-II) dated 20/2/2023
9. DOPT OM No 28/9/2024-EO(SM-II) dated 26/11/2024
10. FE OM No 17-41/2024-FE(E-244513) dated 10/03/2025
11. SU Division OM No E F No SU-7/3/2025/Su dated 26/6/2025
12. DOPT Office Memorandum No A 24011/8/2022-Estt.(L) dated 8/02/2023
13. OM No File no 1-5/2013-ROHQ(E-File) dated 20/10/2020
14. The Government of India published a gazette on August 15 August 21 2020 with Registered /No DL (N) 04/0007/2003-20 CG DL W 17082020-221159 dated 15/8/202
15. Gazette Publication of RR of JTA
16. Former Director General Letter dated 11/4/2025 regarding incorrectness of serious nature in publishing Indian State of Forest Reports
17. GOVAP/E/2025/0005071 dated 28/8/2025 is pending with Government of Andhra Pradesh for vigilance clearance, retirement and unauthorised promotion of Shri Anoop Singh at Their State Forest Department
18. GOVTN/E/2024/0006756 dated 31/12/2024 is pending with Government of Tamil Nadu as Shri Anoop Singh has sanctioned leave to IFS Officer (whose deputation was over) beyond his jurisdiction
19. GOVJK/E/2024/0001014 dated 1/7/2024 is pending with Government of Jammu and Kashmir for Sanctioning leave beyond his jurisdiction to Shri Behera IFS Officer of J&K(who was already relieved)
20. Under Legal proceedings of Defamation suit against Shri Anoop Singh for declaring certificate of State Forest Officials of Maharashtra as false.
21. Miscellaneous Application is filed against Shri Anoop Singh for submitting false affidavit at contempt petition no 15/2025 and another cp 92/2025 is subjudice in Hon'ble CAT for disobeying court order.

Respected Sir,

It is most humbly submitted that via Trailing email dated 26/5/2025, the grievances and misconduct of serious nature has already been submitted against Shri Anoop Singh Director Forest Survey of India Dehradun and IFS 1990 Batch of Andhra Pradesh Cadre.

However, the Grievance was also raised to various higher authorities which resulted into issuance of various petitions and office directives.

1. Incorrect reporting of ISFR 2023 figures by Shri Anoop Singh,DG,FSI :-

Former Director General of Forest Survey of India has reported false information and incorrect figures submitted by Shri Anoop Singh Director FSI MOEFCC Dehradun in Indian State of Forest reports 2023. Please refer to Annexure 1. This is misconduct of very serious nature and attracts immediate action.

2. WP 4441/2025, WP 7208/2024 and WP 1037/2025 at Hon'ble High Court of Bombay:-

Please refer to Annexure 2. Central Vigilance Commission and Secretary MOEFCC New Delhi through WP 4441/2025 has served notice for keeping vigilance inquiry pending and subjudice. Whereas Shri Anoop Singh is also part of those vigilance inquiry. Further, WP 1037/2025 is also subjudice for relieving and joining of employee whereas Shri Anoop Singh served documents to absconded official.

3. Hon'ble President Secretariat Petition dated 13/06/2025

Hon'ble President of India (Appellate Authority) issued petition to Secretary MOEFCC New Delhi for following charges against Shri Anoop Singh

- a. Stopping Salary from 4 years 5 Months i.e. From January 2021
- b. Violation of Government of India Gazette Publication and DOPT Office Memorandums
- c. Conducting inquires of 3 allegedly fraud charge sheet of Major Penalties and not allowing to face inquires in the interest of natural justice i.e. by stopping subsistence allowances and by trespassing disabled employee in government office.
- d. Stopping CGHS Medical Facility (Right to Health) and forcing evacuation from Government quarters (Right to Shelter)
- e. Hurting Dignity of DivyangJan by declaring disability certificate fake and filing same false affidavit in hon'ble High Court of Bombay bench Nagpur and various other forums.

Petition is still pending with Secretary MOEFCC. (Annexure 15)

4. Cabinet Secretariat Representation dtd 2/6/2025 and dated 24/5/2024

Please refer to Annexure 2, It is self explanatory that Chief Secretary Administration MOEFCC New Delhi was requested to take action on illegal and unauthorised practices of Shri Anoop Singh. Further, Shri Anoop Singh is also approving APAR of Group A Officers without medical reports and for the same Cabinet Secretariat issues directives which is not complied yet.

5. Union Public Service Commission Office Memorandum F No 31/01/2025-R(C&P) dated 11/6/2025:-

The Office Memorandum issued by UPSC New Delhi is self explanatory that they directed Director of Forest Survey of India to furnish information to them as well. Pendency of such office directives is self explanatory. It is pertinent to mention that Shri Anoop Singh being non competent authority is issuing penalty on c/s of major penalties without consultation of UPSC or Vigilance. It is also possible that before leaving the charge of Director FSI Dehradun, he may pass penalty order so that he can not be held responsible to his parent cadre. He has done same trick with Shri Ellanmurgan. Dismissal of any Central government employee can not be done without consultation of UPSC. Hence, there will be possibility that till Shri Anoop Singh retirement ie on 30th November 2025 or Joing to his parent cadre, UPSC OM 31/01/2025-R(C&P) dated 11/6/2025 will purposely kept pending.

6. Alleged Suppression of Vigilance Matters and Financial Frauds

Several vigilance communications detailing significant financial frauds and misconduct appear to have been suppressed:

* **Vigilance OM No. 11013/06/2025 dated July 30, 2024 (Annexure 9):** This OM, marked by Ms. Nameeta Prasad, Joint Secretary cum Chief Vigilance Officer, MoEFCC, to Shri Rajesh Kumar, Inspector General, FE, MoEFCC, pertains to alleged corruption involving misleading experience certificates of Technical Associates, with an estimated loss of nearly INR 10 Lakhs per candidate. Despite this, Letter No. 17-25/2024 dated July 7, 2025, issued by Shri Meena, Under Secretary, FE, MoEFCC, in response to RTI No. MOENF/R/E/25/00884, denies receipt of the said Vigilance OM. This clearly suggests a deliberate attempt by Shri Rajesh Kumar and Shri Meena to suppress a serious corruption allegation where Shri Anoop Singh is involved in vigilance.

* **Vigilance OM No. 11013/06/2025-AVU-Part(I) (E-26732) dated June 24, 2025:** This OM, also from Ms. Nameeta Prasad, Chief Vigilance Officer, details serious allegations against Shri Behera, including:

- * Financial fraud of nearly INR 12 Lakhs.
- * Sexual abuse of a male employee using office funds.
- * Submission of false affidavits.

* Issuance of illegal chargesheets by the Shri Anoop Singh Director, FSI Dehradun, to suppress Shri Behera's criminal activities and misuse of government expenditure on fraud chargesheet.

- * Office harassment contributing to an employee's suicide.

Action on this crucial Vigilance OM is also allegedly being suppressed by Shri Rajesh Kumar, IG FE MoEFCC. (Annexure 8)

* **Vigilance OM No. 11013/02/2024-AVU dated July 30, 2024 (Annexure 3):** This OM involves financial implications of nearly INR 33 Lakhs. Despite Letter No. E-475-2018/564 dated September 21, 2020, and Letter No. 3-239/(Part-II 2023)/500 dated May 17, 2023, explicitly stating that Shri Behera, as Regional Director, was not a competent authority to stop salaries, a salary is reportedly being withheld illegally. This raises concerns about retaliatory actions against the complainant. The Ministry's inconsistent stance is further evidenced by its affidavit in High Court WP regarding the permanency of Technical Associate Smt. Savita Khadse. The Ministry stated that Technical Associate selection was not against regular posts or regular work, implying that selecting a Technical Associate as Dy. Ranger would be illegal. This contradicts the alleged corruption involving misleading experience certificates for Technical Associates mentioned above.

All above vigilance case and further directives allegedly involved Shri Anoop Singh.

Vigilance Complaint No 127721:-

The department of Forest Survey of India is involved creating forged documents submitted in Hon'ble Court producing as evidence submitting it in an affidavit in order to win the cases and also IFS officer is involved in creating false documents of transfer order of govt officials in order to suppress inquiry which was initiated by Deputy Director General IRO MOEFCC Nagpur on DGF&SS direction.

7. DOPT OM No 28/2/2023-EO(SM-II) dated 20/2/2023 and DOPT OM No 28/9/2024-EO(SM-II) dated 26/11/2024:- (Annexure 10 & 11)

The above OM is self explanatory that DOPT has taken serious note and issued OM against fraud extension of already relieved officer. It is pertinent to mention that Shri Anoop Singh, without being authority has not only suppressed vigilance complaint and clearance against Shri Venuprasad H and Shri Behera and further sanctioned leave of already relieved official

8. OM No E F No SU-7/3/2025/Su dated 26/6/2025

Further, it is interesting that, Shri Anoop Singh despite of being junior officer has marked the strictures to Shri V N Ambade Sir that inquiry officer is meaningless and frivolous through Letter No 7-7/2024-Admin-698 dated 3/12/2024 (Annexure 23) and when PMO has order to inquire it, SU Division issued OM No E F No SU-7/3/2025/Su dated 26/6/2025 to Shri Abhay Bhaskar DIG FE MOEFCC. Shri Abhay Bhaskar has

successfully suppressed the Office Memorandum which is self explanatory that it is to safeguard criminal illegal and unauthorised practice.

9. Ongoing Suppression of Criminal Investigations

FILE No. 7-12/2020-ROHQ(pt.) dated November 8, 2021 (Annexure 18), indicates that Shri Behera was to be inquired for crimes related to Covid (Pandemic and Epidemic Act), Perjury, and Forgery. Police statements, the Inquiry Report dated October 28, 2021, of DDG IRO MoEFCC, and audio recordings of Shri Behera (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UJLDmnwFH2ALcQbF7h5vQBqSBwkTBPsK/view?usp=drivesdk>), where he allegedly admits to his crimes, demonstrate the gravity of these charges. Despite this, concerned officials, including Shri Anoop Singh Director FSI Dehradun, Director, IFS I Division, AIGF SU Division, and AIGF ROHQ Division, are allegedly suppressing actions on these office memorandums to help Shri Behera evade serious criminal charges. Suppression of FE Division OM No 17-41/2024-FE(E-244513) dated 10/03/2025 by Shri Anoop Singh is self explanatory.(Annexure 13)

10. Unauthorised Approvals of APARs and Irregular Promotions

DOPT OM No. 21011/1/2009-Estt(A)-Part 1/2/2012 mandates medical verification for Group A officers above 45 years of age for APAR approval. Despite this, and explicit directives from the Hon'ble Rashtrapati's Petition (Annexure 16), Cabinet Secretariat Letter dated May 24, 2024 (Annexure 6), and OM No. F No 5-2/2024-ROHQ dated June 2024, the medical examination reports of Shri Anoop Singh, Shri Chaturbhuj Behera, Shri Venuprasad H, and Shri B.H. Naik were allegedly not provided. This implies that their APARs were approved improperly, leading to potentially incorrect promotions that are liable for reversal, with substantial financial implications.

11. Irregularities in Technical Associate Appointments and Potential Financial Loss Annexure 22, providing the latest Recruitment Rules (RR), indicates that the Director General, despite not being a competent authority, has allegedly been writing APARs for Group C employees since 2010 and unauthorizedly selecting Group B employees as Group C from the Staff Selection Commission since 2010. This has significant financial implications, potentially leading to crores of rupees in financial loss to the Government of India, which charged officers are allegedly unwilling to rectify.

12. Violations of Gazette Publication of Hon'ble President of India Government of India:-

The Government of India published a gazette on August 15 August 21 2020 with Registered /No DL (N) 04/0007/2003-20 CG DL W 17082020-221159 dated 15/8/2020 which is self explanatory that Shri Anoop Singh has acted against gazette notification.

13. Willful Defiance of Audit Recovery Orders & Abetting financial impropriety by Shri Anoop Singh.

Letter AOR #9(OBs-1149864) dated 27/12/2023 (Annexure 26), that audit has order to recovery from STA of Forest Survey of India which could be nearly crores of Rupees as amount given is in defiance of Ministry of Finance Order. However, Shri Anoop Singh refused to do recovery whereas audit recovery is binding to government department.

14. GOVJK/E/2024/0001014 dated 1/7/2024:- The Grivance was pending with Government of Jammu and Kashmir since 16 months where Govt Of India has specific instructions to close it within 21 days. This is pending in order to Safeguard Shri Anoop Singh who Sanctioned leave beyond his jurisdiction to Shri Behera IFS Officer of J&K(who was already relieved from deputation). Further,it gets validated by pendency of DOPT OM No 28/2/2023-EO(SM-II) dated 20/2/2023 till date by MOEFCC is to suppress illegal/unauthorised practices by these two officers.

15. GOVTN/E/2024/0006756 dated 31/12/2024:- Similar to above, It is pending with Government of Tamil Nadu as Shri Anoop Singh has sanctioned leave to IFS Officer (whose deputation was over) beyond his jurisdiction. Whereas DOPT has specifically intervene and order to verify unauthorised extension of officer who was already relieved via DOPT OM No 28/9/2024-EO(SM-II) dated 26/11/2024 and further pendency is sufficient evidence that it was unauthorised and Shri Anoop Singh has been proposing such extensions which may or may not be out of financial favours from officers.

16. GOVAP/E/2025/0005071 dated 28/8/2025:- The pendency of Grievance by Government of Andhra Pradesh beyond permissible period is self explanatory about officials suppressing various vigilance cases

and Subjudice Hon'ble High Court Cases of vigilance in order to give benefits of services. However, Government of Andhra has kept pending Shri Anoop Singh's promotion as HOFF after knowing the facts suppressed by favouring officers.

17. Declaring Certificate issued by State Forest Official as false:- it is pertinent to mention that Shri Anoop Singh has issued nearly 19 chargesheets. Out of that he chargesheeted group A officers without being competent authority. Further, chargesheeted group C employee without being disciplinary authority. It is well established from above that Shri Anoop Singh has been giving leave to officers of State Department such as Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir. Similar way, He has declared certificate issued by State Forest Department of Maharashtra as fake certificate wherein State Forest Officer is owning the certificate. Wherein, through MOENF/R/E/25/01397 (Annexure 27), information requested related delegation of powers which was used by Shri Anoop Singh as Director General. But Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change has been tossing RTI from IFS 2 Division, IFS 1 Division and Then Forest Establishment Division. Surprisingly Forest Establishment Division has tossed it to delinquent office. Shockingly, denial of transparency by refusing to provide Notesheet of approval of post renamed as Director General from Director in 5th CPC raised grave concern whether Director General post have approval or not.

18. Ministry of Home Affairs Office Memorandum No F No 17017/06/2022/BM-I dated 19/7/2022 regarding missing of restricted toposheets sharing international border with Pakistan and having Military bases in that region:-

The above OM has been successfully suppressed by Shri Anoop Singh having no regards with national security. On contrary, through CIC/FSOID/A/2021/636746-UM Dated 6/6/2022, Hon'ble Information Commissioner has asked to approach court of law for Perjury in case of filing wrong affidavit. Further, **Through CIC/FSOID/A/2021/637727 , Where commission strongly observed and marked copy to Director General, FSI to take a note of the lax approach of respondent authorities in dealing with simple request for information. The delayed transfer of instant RTI application, failure to provide any information to appellant within stipulated time frame of the RTI Act and the sheer disregard of CPIOS for the proceedings of the commission reflects on grossly evasive approach of the FSI authorities and raises reasonable doubts regarding standards of probity and transparency adopted across the offices of FSI.**

19. STAFF/E/2025/0001632 dated 16/03/2025 :-

The remarks of Under Secretary of Staff Selection Commission that “ The mandate of Staff Selection Commission, a recruitment agency functioning under the aegis of Government of India, is limited to notify the Posts/vacancies (Group-B (Non-Gazetted) and Group-C (Non-Technical) Posts of Pay Level-8 and below in Pay-Matrix of 7CPC) based on the requisitions submitted by various User Department (Ministries/Department and their Sub-Ordinate/Attached Offices), to conduct recruitment tests and to nominate eligible candidates (fulfilling EQ prescribed in RRs of the post as provided by UD) for giving offer of appointment to them. The issue of related to RRs of a post and giving offer of appointment come under the jurisdiction of User Department concerned only and they may be approached for necessary action (if any) “

On contrary via FSOID/R/E/25/00018 dated 25/2/2025, FSI states that JTA are group C employee. And due to this SSC Kolkata denied selection of group C employee as group b through staff selection commission. In order to fulfill that vacancy, Shri Anoop Singh has transferred the post to SSC Western Zone Mumbai via Nagpur Office and SSC Southern Zone via Bangalore office and misleded them to select group C as group b. It is evident that group C post's competent authority is Regional Director and all transfer policies states that group C staff can not be posted beyond the jurisdiction of competent authority. It appears Shri Anoop Singh is not bounded by any rules leads down by Government of India while performing government duties.

20. CP 15/2025 for OA 657/2024 and CP 92/2025, for OA 949/2024:- Contempt proceedings has initiated against Shri Anoop Singh in both the cases. However for CP 15/2025, Shri Anoop Singh has submitted false Affidavit in order to dispose off the contempt which further leads to filing Perjury via MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION UNDER BNS 379 (CRPC 340) FOR INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OFFENCES UNDER 227, 229 & 237 OF BHARTIYA NYAY SAHINTA,2023. Which is under progress.

21. National Green Tribunal OA 425/2023 Deepika Khari Vs State of Uttarakhand, Director General Forest Survey of India and other :-

The above mentioned application is self explanatory before Hon'ble Tribunal which is subjudice and penalty and contempt has been issued by the Hon'ble Tribunal to DG FSI Dehradun.

It further stated that Since the arrival of Shri Anoop Singh as Director General, an office that previously maintained a clean record has spawned 8 CAT cases, 11 High Court cases, and inquiries by at least 9 separate commissions/bodies, including the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) (investigating the alleged suicide of an OBC employee), the National Commission for Women (NCW) (handling two pending cases), the National Human Rights Commission (**National Human Rights Commission via case No 27/13/17/2023 has given recommendation to Director General FSI Dehradun to deal the matter of the complainant as per facts and rules and without any prejudices**)!and the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD). Despite the CCPD ordering accessibility measures across offices, and the NCSC issuing strictures against superior officers being prejudice, the Respondents have either moved to the High Court against these findings (SC Commission) or dismissed the inquiries as "meaningless and frivolous," demonstrating a brazen disregard for statutory and quasi-judicial bodies. The organizational impact is equally severe: the delay in the biannual Indian State of Forest Report by one year. Further, without approval of Ministry of Home Affairs and MOEFCC, Shri Anoop Singh has used international data(Sentinel Data) for reliable work of ISFR which would be subject reverse and all government expenditure(crores of rupees of government of India) will be wasted used in carrying out such work.

According to the Office Memorandum dated 23.07.2013, vigilance clearance is required for processing pension papers of government employees. This requirement is reiterated in multiple cases where pensionary benefits were withheld due to the absence of such clearance Jombo Ratan VS State of Arunachal Pradesh - Gauhati (2017) Dorjee Tsering VS State of Arunachal Pradesh - Gauhati (2018) Dhanai Ram Verma, S/o. Lt. Balram Verma VS State of A. P. , represented by the Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh - Gauhati (2024).

In DOPT OM No.DOPT-1667820093974 dated 28/9/2022 it is stated that The circumstances under which vigilance clearance shall not be withheld shall be as under: Vigilance clearance shall not be withheld due to the filing of a complaint, unless it is established on the basis of at least a preliminary inquiry or on the basis of any information that the concerned Department may already have in its possession, that there is, prima facie, substance to verifiable allegations regarding (i) Corruption (ii) Possession of assets disproportionate to known sources of income (iii) Moral turpitude (iv) violation of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. On the contrary, It is well established that from Office Memorandum issued by CVO MOEFCC and Subjudice matters of Vigilance at Hon'ble High Court that Shri Anoop Singh can not be granted vigilance clearance.

DOPT OM No. 22034/4/2012-Estt (D-II) dated 23 January 2014 where it is stated that **“The undersigned is directed to refer to the Department of Personnel & Training O.M. of even number dated 2.11.2012 on ‘Comprehensive review of instructions pertaining to vigilance clearance for promotion’, wherein, inter alia, it has been laid down in Para 9, as under:“For the purpose of vigilance clearance for Review DPC, instructions exist in O.M. No.22011/2/99-Estt(A) dated 21.11.2002 that review DPC will take into consideration the circumstances obtaining at the time of original DPC and any subsequent situation arising thereafter will not stand in the way of vigilance clearance for review DPC. However, before the officer is actually promoted it needs to be ensured that he/she is clear from vigilance angle”**

Hence it is intimated to officer concerned that The above two OM is self explanatory and appears to be crystal clear violation while granting retirement benefits.

Further, The same is intimated and may be considering while granting the future appointment with Government of India bodies.

I shall be obliged if you do the needful urgently.

Yours Faithfully

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Annexure 1

To,

The Secretary
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Sub: Technical incorrectness of serious nature in the data presented in the ISFR 2023

Sir,

I humbly state that there is incorrectness of serious nature in the data presented in the ISFR 2023. I have explained these errors in the note annexed with this letter. I request you to kindly get the same examined scientifically (not by the opinions of individuals, including me). The errors which I have pointed out are not related to definitions, comparisons with the international reports or some subjective interpretation which others have raised, the ones which I am raising are basically due to incorrect methods, wrong data processing, lack of checking and flawed reporting. If erroneous data is presented in one ISFR, it disturbs the whole series including the future issues of the ISFR. ISFR is regarded as the most important official report of the Government of India in the Forestry Sector, and it also serves the national communications to the international bodies and conventions. Reporting of achievements against the country's NDC target is also based on the ISFR data. It should therefore be an utmost necessity that the integrity of ISFR is upheld and for doing so, if required, a corrigendum of ISFR 2023 may be issued.

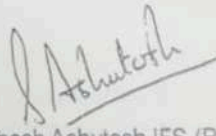
ISFR presents primary data of forest cover, growing stock and other parameters of forests of the country in biennial series. The data collection, processing and its presentation is a highly technical exercise. It is not possible for a common reader to easily notice the underlying errors, though the errors may have far reaching consequences. I see incorrectness in the data from both the streams of ISFR 2023 i.e Forest Cover Mapping as well as Nation Forest Inventory.

Having served FSI for more than 10 years (the longest tenure by an IFS officer in the history of FSI) and at all the possible levels i.e as DD, JD and DG, I thoroughly understand every ISFR data, its processing and implications. In the larger interest of the high standards and credibility of ISFR, and due to my long association with this document and FSI, I feel it necessary to bring this matter to your kind notice with the sole objective of possible corrections in the ISFR 2023 after proper analysis.

Yours sincerely

Shillong, 11th April, 2025

Enclosure: as above


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My comments on a few sections of the ISFR 2023

My comments in respect of a few sections of the ISFR 2023 are as follows.

(i) **Without Normalisation, the reported Area Figures of Forest Cover are erroneous**

Normalisation of area figures is an essential step which every remote sensing-based mapping organisation follows including NRSC, SAC etc. In FSI too, this has been a standard practice right from the first SFR to normalize the area figures of forest cover and other non-forest cover categories to match the total with the official geographical area figures of the administrative boundaries provided by SOI. It is like rubber stretching the final map produced after satellite data interpretation to coincide with the official administrative boundary (of the district, State or country as the case may be). The Survey of India (SOI) is the mandated authority in our country to release official boundaries of the districts, State and the country and their respective geographical areas which every organisation has to comply with.

In the FSI's methodology, normalisation is done at the final stage of forest cover mapping when area figures are generated from the DIP software after the interpretation. The area figures generated from the software are always different than the official geographical areas given by the SOI. This happens because of various reasons like datum changes, georeferencing errors, projection system error over large area, satellite data's geometrical error and manual error in digitisation etc. The area figures after forest cover mapping at FSI are finally aggregated in five categories i.e. VDF, MDF, OF, Scrub and NF (water included), the sum of areas under these five classes in the final reporting should be equal to the geographical area of the district or State (as obtained from SOI). As mentioned above, in a default case this never happens, the difference may be small but it will always be there. This discrepancy of area figure is normalised by a simple mathematical step called 'normalisation' explained below.

If $VDF + MDF + OF + Scrub + NF$ as generated from the software is **A**

and Geographical area (of the corresponding district, State or the country) is **B**

then in the default case **A** is never equal to **B**

A is made equal to be **B** by multiplying it by normalisation factor which is nothing but B / A , it generally varies between 0.95 to 1.05.

Without normalisation sum total of the mapped classes will never be same as geographical area of the district. Sometimes people adjust the difference in the two areas in NF class, for making the two equal, which is incorrect and unethical. Normalisation alters area of each constituent category of the output. Therefore, if it is not done, the area figures of each class remain erroneous. However small the changes may be after normalisation; the erroneous data should never be presented. When reported in ISFR, it becomes the official statistics of the Government of India.

Effect of normalisation on the forest cover area figure has been illustrated in the ISFR 2023 itself. When the figures of ISFR 2021 were degraded by removing normalisation, the forest cover figure of the country increased by nearly 1400 sq km (0.22%), whereas the change in forest cover from 2021 to 2023 is reported 156 sq km (0.02%). State wise changes would be even more pronounced because normalisation changes area figures both ways i.e. increasing as well as decreasing it.

Generally, normalisation is done for each district separately and then compiled for each State and finally for the country. In some cases, area figures of newly created districts are

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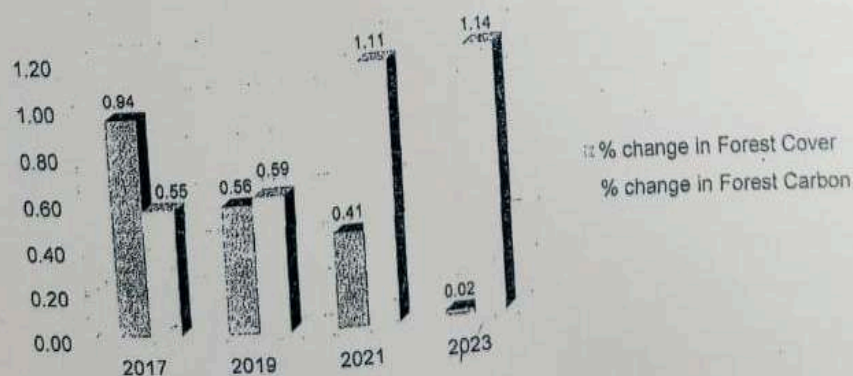
not available from SOI, in such situations, area figures of erstwhile districts before bifurcation or trifurcation is taken for normalisation. Normalisation can be done with the geographical area of the State as a whole by creating State mosaic also when districts' areas are not available from SOI. Normalisation is clearly part of the Manual on Forest Cover Mapping being followed by FSI. It is difficult to understand why this has not been followed.

Forest cover area figures reported in ISFR 2023 without normalization (including the changed figures of ISFR 2021) have distorted the time series of forest cover data from the first SFR in 1987. The current forest cover data is technically not comparable to the previous time series. Presenting erroneous data of forest cover of 2023 and 2021 in the ISFR 2023, which is the main output of the report, is a serious distortion which should necessarily be rectified.

(ii) **Change in Forest Carbon Stock is very high and acutely disproportionate to the change in forest cover**

FSI follows stock difference method in assessing forest carbon change over the biennial cycle. Forest Cover is the dynamic layer which is superimposed on the Forest Type Layer (almost static) for creating stratification and then forest inventory derived carbon factors (which are also relatively static) for different strata are used to assess forest carbon of the country. The Forest carbon reported in the ISFR corresponds to the Forest Cover and it does not include carbon stock in the Tree Cover. Change in forest carbon stock therefore is in similar proportion as the change in forest cover. The other two inputs i.e Forest Type and carbon factors are nearly static over a small period of two years. There may be little variation in carbon stock not in line with the forest cover due to changes in forest cover density under different forest types but overall, forest carbon change in percentage should be close to the percentage change in forest cover.

ISFR 2023 reports an increase of 81.7 million tonnes of forest carbon over the period of 2 years, the highest so far in the ISFRs. An increase of 1.14% in forest carbon stock against 0.02% increase in forest cover (nearly 50 times higher) makes the forest carbon change disproportionately very very high. The following chart showing % change over previous assessment clearly highlights this point. Even the forest carbon stock change reported in ISFR 2021 is also high.





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