

FIRST APPEAL DETAILS(प्रथम अपील विवरण)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	FSOID/A/E/25/00007 	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	17/03/2025
Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :	Online Receipt	Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :	English
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Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? (क्या आवेदक गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :	No	Does It Concern Life or Liberty of a person :	Details not provided.
RTI Request Registration No (सूचना का अधिकार अनुरोध पंजीकरण सं.) :	FSOID/R/E/25/00012	RTI Request Registration Date (सूचना का अधिकार अनुरोध पत्र दिनांक) :	05/02/2025
CPIO's Order/Decision No. (सीपीआईओ का आदेश / निर्णय संख्या) :	Details not provided	Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision (सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख) :	Details not provided
Ground for Appeal (अपील का आधार) :	Provided Incomplete,Misleading or False Information	Reason for delay (if any) in filing this appeal(इस अपील को दायर करने में विलंब, यदि कोई हो, का कारण) :	N/A
Prayer or Relief Sought (प्रार्थना या अनुरोध की गई राहत) :	There was no proper reply for the requested queries. reply was irrelevant. Kindly reply to the raised queries. i am attaching the requested information for your reference. Kindly respond.		

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI FIRST APPEAL No. : FSOID/A/E/25/00007

Applicant Name (आवेदक का नाम) Raj

Text of Appeal (अपील का पाठ) There was no proper reply for the requested queries. reply was irrelevant. Kindly reply to the raised queries. i am attaching the requested information for your reference. Kindly respond.

Reply of Appeal (अपील का उत्तर) sought information has been provided by CPIO under RTI Act, 2005. Appeal disposed of.

SNo. (क्रमांक)	Action Taken (कार्रवाई की गई)	Date of Action (कार्रवाई की तारीख)	Action Taken By(कार्रवाई के द्वारा लिया)	Remarks(टिप्पणि)
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ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.FSOID/R/E/25/00012**Applicant Name**

Raj

Text of Application

Form of application for seeking information under the Right to Information Act, 2005. 5th February 2025 The Public Information Officer, Forest Survey of India Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change Kaulagarh Road P.O. IPE Dehradun -248195 Uttarakhand, India Respected Sir, Sub: RTI - Accuracy of your Survey Data (Topology Maps, Adjacent Road, Survey Nos) in India This with reference to the above-mentioned subject, we would like to clarify the following questions from your ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under Right to information Act 2005. 1. What is the main purpose and usage of your forest survey topology Maps 2. What is the Procedure followed to create forest topology Maps in India (Forest Land, adjacent Roads, Survey fields, etc.,) 3. Where are you getting information/request/source data to update the forest area topology maps? Kindly provide detailed explanation how it is processed. 4. Procedures followed to capture the details on the forest areas/site/survey numbers. (If your department directly capturing the data from the field). 5. Who capturing the data from the field (Department,designation,official citizen service details) 6. Who authorise and approves (Apart from your departments) your data accuracy and authenticity including Topology maps/Roads/Survey numbers, etc. 7. What is the data accuracy / Variation in terms of percentage (Captured details)? 8. Can we use your data (topology sheets Survey Numbers and boundaries) for legal or dispute purpose in the court of law (a. against department to department, b. Against Department to individual Citizens of India) 9. Do you have department level dispute resolution committee or Appealing authority who can resolve the dispute within specified period. 10. Kindly confirm whose data is more accurate: 1.Your Department topology Maps or 2. State Revenue Department survey field Maps. 11. If DFO, Conservator and state zonal office do not have their past records of forest area documents, how to conclude the decision, is there any procedures? If yes, please share the details. 12. Prior to 1st June 1981 establishment of Forest Survey of India, who surveyed the forest area and adjacent fields? 13. What is the procedure to be followed correct the wrongly captured topology maps details as an Indian Citizen, if yes, kindly share the guideline document? 14. What frequency / period forest survey is conducted, kindly share previously surveyed details (years and months). 15. Please share one sample recently surveyed forest area and adjacent areas like survey numbers, Roads, other establishments. 16. When is the next forest survey update to be released? We kindly request you to provide detailed explanations and share additional information if any to the above questions at the earliest as per the RTI (Right to Information Act) guidelines. Thanks & Regards, Raj

Reply of Application

Please find herewith the attachment for sought information.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	05/02/2025	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	05/02/2025	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Sugandha Srivastava
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	27/02/2025	Sugandha Srivastava- (CPIO)	

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दिनांक: 17 फरवरी, 2025

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

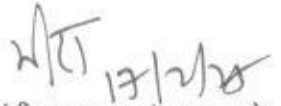
संदर्भ:- आपके पत्र संख्या: 13-3 / 2025-आर.टी.आई-3689 दिनांक 12 जनवरी, 2025

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषय एवं संदर्भित पत्र के संबंध में, यह सूचित किया जाता है कि Sh. Raj, Tamil Nadu की RTI Appeal आवेदन संख्या FSOID/R/E/25/00012 दिनांक 05.02.2025 के क्रम में बिन्दु संख्या 4,12,14,15 एवं 16 में मांगी जानकारी भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण की अधिकारिक वेबसाइट www.fsi.nic.in से बिना किसी मूल्य के प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। (भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण हर दो साल में देश के वनावरण (Forest Cover) का आकलन करता है। वनावरण से संबंधित विभिन्न आंकड़े भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण द्वारा जारी विभिन्न भारत वन स्थिति रिपोर्ट (India State of Forest Reports) में उपलब्ध है), एवं शेष बिन्दुओं की जानकारी फॉरेस्ट जियोइन्फोर्मेटिक्स डिवीजन में उपलब्ध नहीं है।

भवदीया,

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार।


(मीरा अय्यर) भा.व.से.
संयुक्त निदेशक (एफ.जी.डी.)

RTI cell
17/02/25

INTRODUCTION

Introduction 1.1

In the vast tapestry of India's diverse landscape, forests stand as sentinel guardians; nurturing life, preserving biodiversity, and safeguarding the delicate equilibrium of our ecosystems. Forests are much more than just clusters of trees. They are living, breathing entities, repositories of all life sustaining elements; be it air, water, soil, food, shelter, and much more. They are the cradle of diverse flora and fauna, where myriad species find sanctuary. From the dense canopies of the Western Ghats to the arid expanse of the Thar desert, from the mangroves of the Sundarbans to the alpine meadows of the Himalayas, India's forests embrace a rich diversity of ecosystems, each with its unique character and contribution to the nation's ecological wealth.

In order to manage our vast forest resources, it became imperative over time to assess, evaluate, and monitor these resources on an increasingly robust scientific footing at pan India level. The first and foremost requirement, therefore, was to undertake systematic aerial surveys of our forests, and prepare an inventory of the forest resources. This exercise started with a limited mandate of conducting a survey to assess availability of commercial wood to establish forest produce based industries. The 'Pre-Investment Survey of Forest Resources' (PISFR) was, thus, established in 1965 as an FAO/UNDP/GOI project. The scope of PISFR's activities was expanded and it was re-organized as the Forest Survey of India (FSI) in 1981. FSI has come a long way since then, and now offers various services, including forest resource assessment, forest cover mapping, forest inventory, e-green watch, decision support system, and forest fire monitoring.

India State of Forest Report 1.2

One of the major tasks assigned to FSI is to publish the biennial India State of Forests Report (ISFR). This report is the 18th report in this series. The ISFR stands as a testament to our nation's commitment towards the conservation and sustainable management of our invaluable forest resources. This report is not merely a compendium of statistics, but a chronicle of our collective efforts, an appraisal of challenges faced, and a blueprint for the future. It embodies the tireless work of foresters, conservationists, scientists, and communities who have dedicated themselves to the cause of forest conservation. It speaks of an evolving narrative of environmental stewardship, shaped by policies, scientific advancements, and the indefatigable spirit of those who believe in the sanctity of our forests.

Primary objective of the ISFR 2023 is to present an in-depth analysis of the current status of forests in India, providing critical insights into the health, extent, and distribution of forested areas. It definitely provides information on the results of our Forest Management practices. It aims to serve as a valuable resource for practicing foresters, policymakers, researchers, conservationists, and the public, fostering a holistic under-



standing of the challenges and opportunities surrounding forest management and biodiversity conservation.

The report draws upon a robust and multi-faceted methodology, integrating remote sensing technology, ground surveys, and advanced data analytics. This triangulation of methods ensures accuracy, reliability, and comprehensiveness in the assessment of forest cover, type, and quality across the Indian landscape.

India has made significant commitments to various global treaties and initiatives related to forests, climate change, sustainable development, biodiversity, mangroves, and landscape restoration. These commitments necessitate reporting of the state of country's forests on a periodic basis. Some of the relevant commitments include the following:

1. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

The UNFCCC is an international treaty aimed at addressing climate change and its impacts. India is a party to this convention, which requires member countries to report on their greenhouse gas emissions, as well as activities related to land use, land-use change, and forestry (LULUCF).

2. Kyoto Protocol

The Kyoto Protocol operationalizes the UNFCCC by committing industrialized countries and economies in transition to limit and reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions in accordance with agreed individual targets.

3. Paris Agreement

Paris Agreement, under the UNFCCC, sets out ambitious goals to limit global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5 degrees Celsius. It emphasizes the importance of forests in climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.

4. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations members in 2015, created 17 world Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDG 15: "Life on Land", specifically targets the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, including forests. The SDG 14 "Life below Water" seeks to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. Targets 14.2.1, 14.5.2, 15.1.1, 15.1.2., 15.2.1, 15.2.3, 15.3.2, and 15.4.1 are directly relevant to Forest Statistics. Besides, SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), and SDG 13 (Climate Action) are also relevant to the Forestry sector.