

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ENCROACHMENT OF FOREST LAND

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government conducts / has conducted various drives to remove encroachments from forest land ; and
- (b) if so, the details of forest land area cleared of encroachments during the last three years and the current year, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) No, Sir. The State Governments are responsible for conducting drives to remove encroachments from forest lands as per the existing policy guidelines.
- (b) Does not arise.