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To

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National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench,  
New Delhi  
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**Subject** : Comments on the Original Application No. 555/2024 towards the News items titled "India Lost 2.33 million hectares of trees cover since 2000 Global Forest Watch" appearing in The Indian Express dated 13.04.2024- reg.

**Ref** : Email dated: December 2, 2024.

Sir,

With reference to the above-cited subject, I am directed to offer following comments on the OA No. 555/2024 for the U.T. of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu are as follow:

The details of Forest cover based on the available Indian State of Forest Report of FSI from the year 2001-21 for the U.T. of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu is mentioned below:

Year	Forest Cover						Remark
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli			Daman & Diu			
	Forest Cover	% of G.A	% change	Forest Cover	% of G.A	% change	
2001	219	44.6	8.42	6	5.53	0.00	
2003	225	45.82	2.74	8.34	7.45	34.73	
2005	221	45.01	-1.78	8.54	7.63	2.40	
2009	211	42.97	-4.52	5.65	5.04	-33.84	

2011	211	42.97	0.00	6.15	5.49	8.85	
2013	213	43.38	0.95	9.27	8.28	50.73	
2015	206	41.96	-3.29	19.61	17.51	111.54	
2017	207	42.16	0.49	20.49	18.46	4.49	
2019	207.16	42.19	0.08	20.49	18.46	0.00	
2021	227.75	37.83	0.04		-		Due to merger of the U.T. of DNH & DD

In view of the above it has been seen that there is an increase of 0.10 sq. km. as compared to the ISFR 2019 of Forest Cover in the U.T. of DNH & DD. Further, the reason behind this negative change in the previous years are due to the following reasons:

1. The diversion of Forest Land for various Development Projects including of roads upgradation/widening across Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. The total diverted Forest Land from 2001 to 2021 is Approx.. 107 Ha.
2. The Individual rights given to the FRA claimant under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Further, the Forest Department has taken various steps towards increasing the Forest Cover in the Union Territory by carrying out various Afforestation activities. The Plantation carried out by the Department from the year 2001 to 2021 is as follows:

Sr.No.	Year of plantation	Area (in hectares)	Seedlings planted	Approx. Survival %
1	2001-02	796	914000	75-95

2	2002-03	375	391450	75-95
3	2003-04	224.6	256400	75-95
4	2004-05	258	233500	75-95
5	2005-06	211	229500	75-95
6	2006-07	288	569500	75-95
7	2007-08	235	294785	75-95
8	2008-09	281	422115	75-95
9	2009-10	205	414250	75-95
10	2010-11	190	319500	75-95
11	2011-12	200	376000	75-95
12	2012-13	215	320800	75-95
13	2013-14	125	200000	75-95
14	2014-15	240	346799	75-95
15	2015-16	225	423000	75-95
16	2016-17	220	374500	75-95
17	2017-18	200	308000	75-95
18	2018-19	228	381270	75-95
19	2019-20	215	344000	75-95
20	2020-21	275	440000	75-95
21	2021-22	300	480000	75-95
22	2022-23	310	450160	75-95
23	2023-24	510	625400	75-95
24	2024-25	547	625000	75-95
<b>Total</b>		<b>6873.6</b>	<b>9739929</b>	

The Department has carried out plantation in an area of 6873.60 Ha by planting more than 97.39 Lakh seedlings. Further the Department has also carried out Bamboo clumps Plantation in linear stretches of 79.40 Ha /794 Km with 50.97 Lakh clumps, Mangrove plantation in an area of 101.91 Ha by planting 10.19 Lakh seedlings and along with distribution of more than 32.01 Lakh seedlings to public and other stakeholders as per needs resulting the increase of Tree Cover Outside the Forest.

This is for your information please.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

भवदीय /Yours faithfully

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