

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH NEW**DELHI**

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 555 OF 2024

WITH

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IN THE MATTER OF:

News item titled "Indian lost 2.33 million hectares of tree cover since 2000
Global Forest Watch" appearing in The Indian Express date 13.04.2024

AND

News Item titled "Assam's forests shrink by 83.92 sq km in just two years
Report" appearing in the Assamtribune.com dated 22.12.2024.

REPORT FILED BY THE SPECIAL SECRETARY ENVIRONMENT FOR**STATE OF KERALA****FILED BY: NISHE RAJEN SHONKER FOR STATE OF KERALA**

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**Report filed by Special Secretary to Government, Environment
Department, Government of Kerala before the Hon'ble National
Green Tribunal (PB), New Delhi in OA.No.555/2024 with OA
No.20/2025**

The Hon'ble Tribunal vide order dated 29/01/2025 has directed the State of Kerala, the 16th respondent in the above OA to file a report regarding the extend of Forest Cover, Tree Cover etc. for the period from the year 2001 to 2021. It is submitted that the details of Tree Cover, Forest is as follows:

FOREST COVER

FSI Report Year	Total Forest Cover of Kerala (Km ²)	% of Geographical Area (Kerala)
2001	15,560	40.04
2003	15,577	40.08
2005	15,595	40.13
2009	17,324	44.58
2011	17,300	44.515
2013	17,922	46.12
2015	19,239	49.50
2017	20,321	52.30
2019	21,144	54.42
2021	21,253	54.70

TREE COVER

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FSI Report Year	Total Tree Cover of Kerala (Km ²)	% of Geographical Area (Kerala)
2001	1,146	2.95
2003	1,903	4.90
2005	2,632	6.77
2009	2,801	7.21
2011	2,755	7.09
2013	3,146	8.09
2015	2,951	7.59
2017	2,959	7.62
2019	2,936	7.56
2021	2,820	7.26

It is humbly requested before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (PB) that the above statement may be considered as compliance report in OA No.555/2024 with OA No.20/2025.

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