

Prescribed Format for Information

S. No.	Aspect	Details
1	Name of the State/ UT	Sikkim
2	Number of forest fire incidents in 2024 in the State/ UT	93
3	Causes for the forest fires, specified separately under the categories of natural, man-made, or any other reason (the reason may be specified)	Natural forest fire and Man-made forest fire
	Natural Forest Fire	Number of Forest fire Incidents
		Total 93 incidences
		Cause
		Natural – Lightning, rolling of boulders (friction), dry leaf litter, extremely hot dry spell, prolonged dry season etc.
	Manmade Forest Fire	Number of Forest fire Incidents
		Out of 93 incidents, 70% of the forest fires are attributed to manmade
		Cause
		Cigarette butts discarded from moving Vehicles, Slash burning in private holding adjoining to forest areas in one such human activity, Irresponsible Picnics and Campfires.
	Others Forest Fire	Number of Forest fire Incidents
		Not yet reported.
		Cause
4	Measures taken to remedy the damage caused by forest fire	The measures taken by Forest Department of Sikkim to detect forest fires through Forest Fire Alert system – FSI, Control burning, Fire watcher - community participation, fire tender vehicle –convergence with Police, Army, ITBP, etc., Awareness/sensitization to taxi drivers, tourists, students, JFMC/EDCs, local people etc., in coordination with SSDMA for mitigation of forest fire, trained quick response team in each district upto block level is constituted and is in operation. The wireless control room situated at the district headquarters is 24/7 operational for quick response and communication with the frontline staffs.
	Natural Forest Fire	
	Manmade Forest Fire	
	Others Forest Fire	
		Not yet reported.


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5	Preventive measures proposed for 2025 and subsequent years		The measures taken by Forest Department of Sikkim to detect forest fires through Forest Fire Alert system – FSI, Control burning, Fire watcher - community participation, fire tender vehicle –convergence with Police, Army, ITBP, etc., Awareness/sensitization to taxi drivers, tourists, students, JFMC/EDCs, local people etc., in coordination with SSDMA for mitigation of forest fire, trained quick response team in each district upto block level is constituted and is in operation. The wireless control room situated at the district headquarters is 24/7 operational for quick response and communication with the frontline staffs.
	Natural Forest Fire		
	Manmade Forest Fire		
	Others Forest Fire		Not yet reported
6	Budget amount allocated for undertaking remedial measures for remedying the damage caused by forest fires during the year 2024, with details regarding the adequacy of the amount and modes of utilization;		The Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme (FFPMS) for the year 2024-25 has received ₹6.455 lakh only.
	Natural Forest Fire	Total Budget Allocated	2.868
		Adequacy of the amount	Inadequate fund
		Mode of Utilization	FFPMS
	Manmade Forest Fire	Total Budget Allocated	10.038
		Adequacy of the amount	Required funds in proportion to the incidents
		Mode of Utilization	FFPMS
	Others Forest Fire	Total Budget Allocated	1.434
		Adequacy of the amount	Inadequate fund
		Mode of Utilization	FFPMS

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7	Budget amount to be allocated for taking remedial measures for remedying the damage caused by forest fires during the year 2025, with details regarding the adequacy of the amount and modes of utilization."		Yet to receive allocation.
	Natural Forest Fire	Total Budget Allocated	20% of 2025-26
		Adequacy of the amount	Inadequate fund
		Mode of Utilization	FFPMS
	Manmade Forest Fire	Total Budget Allocated	70% of 2025-26
		Adequacy of the amount	Inadequate fund
		Mode of Utilization	FFPMS
	Others Forest Fire	Total Budget Allocated	10% of 2025-26
		Adequacy of the amount	Inadequate fund
		Mode of Utilization	FFPMS


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