



# PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

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**Department:- Climate change, Forestry, Environment and wildlife**

**Call Attention No. 787**

**Mr. Asif Khan, Member Provincial Assembly**

I want to draw the attention of Minister for Environment towards widespread tree cutting, reportedly taken place in various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with alarming intensity in South Waziristan. These activities are allegedly being carried out under the pretext of addressing security threats, raising serious environmental and legal concerns. Deforestation in these ecologically sensitive areas poses grave risks, including soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, disruption of local livelihoods, and long-term climate impacts. The forests of South Waziristan are not only vital for maintaining environmental balance but also serve as a natural resource base for local communities. There is an urgent need to ascertain whether due legal procedures, environmental assessments, and necessary approvals are being followed before such actions are undertaken. The use of "security concerns" as a blanket justification for large-scale tree cutting must be scrutinized to prevent misuse and ensure accountability. In light of the above, the following points merit immediate attention.

1. A detailed inquiry into the extent and legality of tree cutting activities in South Waziristan and other affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
2. Clarification from relevant departments regarding the authorization, scope, and necessity of such actions.
3. Immediate suspension of any unauthorized or excessive deforestation activities.
4. Implementation of strict monitoring mechanisms to prevent further environmental degradation.
5. Initiation of reforestation and afforestation programs to mitigate the damage already caused.

It is requested that the concerned authorities take swift and transparent action to address this issue, safeguard natural resources, and uphold environmental laws.