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RAJ BHAVAN GREEN COVER DOUBLES

The number of trees at Raj Bhavan has increased to 5,590 from 2,950 eight years ago, the latest census has revealed. "Raj Bhavan has a rich ecosystem," said additional municipal commissioner SVR Srinivas.

The official residence of Maharashtra governor houses 130 species of trees. Ratangunj is the most common tree on the sprawling premises; there are 927 of them. Surangi, paper tree, *Tabebuia chrysantha*, *Cassia Grandis* and *Gorakh Chinch* are among the rare species of trees found there.

Of the 5,590 trees, 1,111 are fruit trees, 29 vegetable, 79 medicinal, 3,218 ornamental, five spice and 1,089 wild varieties.