GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2626 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

Projects awaiting clearances from Himachal Pradesh

2626. SMT VIPLOVE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects for Himachal Pradesh have been lying pending environmental clearances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the reasons for the pendency, project-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to expedite the clearance of pending projects received from various States including Himachal Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the detailed list of projects granted environmental clearance in last three years and current year State-wise including Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to(b) The environmental clearance process for new projects comprises of four stages namely screening, scoping, public consultation and appraisal as set forth in the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. At present there are only 5 proposals from state of Himachal Pradesh, which are at different stages of appraisal in the Ministry.
- (c)& (d) The Ministry has taken several steps to expedite the process of environmental clearances which *inter alia* include online system of processing of environmental clearances, introduction of Short Message Service (SMS) functionality for Project proponent, auto alert system; separate module to track the progress of recommended projects etc.
- (e) The detailed list of environment clearances accorded by the Ministry in last three years is at annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no 2626 for reply on 19.03.2018

State wise list of environment clearances accorded by the MoEF&CC in last three years and the current year(2017-18)

State	No. of EC granted
Andaman and Nicobar	9
Andhra Pradesh	150
Arunachal Pradesh	8
Assam	21
Bihar	17
Chandigarh	2
Chhattisgarh	52
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	2
Daman and Diu	1
Delhi	46
Goa	6
Gujarat	339
Haryana	71
Himachal Pradesh	35
Jammu and Kashmir	8
Jharkhand	60
Karnataka	84
Kerala	27
Madhya Pradesh	56
Maharashtra	359
Meghalaya	6
Mizoram	2
Orissa	77
Pondicherry	2
Punjab	60
Rajasthan	113
Sikkim	6
Tamil Nadu	93
Telangana	46
Tripura	2
Uttar Pradesh	106
Uttarakhand	49
West Bengal	74
Grand Total	1989