

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1806
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

Destruction of forest in the Mollem Wild Life Sanctuary in Goa

1806 SHRI LUIZINHO JOAQUIM FALEIRO:

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

- (a) number of trees that have been cut and proposed to be cut in the Mollem Wild Life Sanctuary to make way for doubling of tracks on the Goa side;
- (b) number of trees that have been cut and proposed to be cut in the Sanctuary to make way for Tamnar Power Line project on the Goa side;
- (c) number of trees that have been cut and proposed to be cut in the Sanctuary to make way for the Highway project on the Goa side; and
- (d) the quantum of pollution caused in Vasco city, and all along the tracks due to coal transportation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (c) As per the information received from Goa Forest Department, the number of trees enumerated for doubling of railway tracks, Tamnar Power Line project and Highway project in Bhagwan Mahavir Sanctuary and Mollem National Park are 20758, 5124 and 12097, respectively. However, no trees have been cut as on date as per the information received from the State Government.
- (d) As per the report of Goa State Pollution Control Board, the Air Quality Index indicates that the air quality in Vasco city and all along the tracks is between 'Good' to 'Moderate' during most of the time for the period 2018-2021.
