

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1662**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

**Impact of making Gumla as an Eco-Sensitive Zone**

1662. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has made an assessment regarding the impact of making Gumla in Jharkhand as an eco-sensitive zone and its impact on industrial loss and livelihood, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has prepared some plan to provide relief to the tribals whose earnings, business and livelihood are affected due to this decision?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) The process of declaration of an Eco-sensitive Zone around a Protected Area is carried out by the Central Government in consultation with the respective State Government and on the basis for proposals received from the respective State Government. The declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary in Jharkhand, wherein, the territorial area of Gumla Forest Division falls, was published by the Ministry in 2019, on the basis of proposal furnished by the State Government of Jharkhand. The list of activities prohibited or to be regulated within Eco-sensitive Zone has been specified in the notification. As per the information received from the State Government of Jharkhand, no separate assessment has been undertaken regarding impact of making part area as Eco-sensitive Zone on industrial loss and livelihood.

It Has also has been informed that within Gumla Forest Division various activities such as Refuse-Derived fuel, Soil Moisture Conservation, Silvicultural, etc. are promoted by the State Government and through these activities 2,58,515 man days of work has been generated in the Financial Year 2022-23, thus catering to enhancement of livelihood needs of people within territorial jurisdiction of Gumla Forest Division. Apart from these, various livelihood generation activities like promotion of Lac cultivation, Bamboo cultivation, etc. are also being undertaken by the local communities with support by the State Forest Department.

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