

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1221**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2017

**Shortcomings in Granting Environmental Clearance**

1221. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has tried to identify and rectify the various shortcomings in its process of giving environmental clearances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of projects penalised on the basis of scrutiny of environmental impact assessment report based on term of reference, project-wise; and
- (d) the number of projects still awaited to get environmental clearance for more than three years State-wise along with the reasons for the same?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
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(a)&(b). In order to bring more transparency the Union Government has streamlined the process of according environmental clearances, which, *inter-alia* include introduction of Online system of processing of environmental clearances at centre/state/district level; sending mail/short message service (SMS) to project proponent etc.

(c) & (d) Nil

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