

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2018

Projects around Forest Areas

1161. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many projects are being implemented around forest areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects being implemented around forest areas during the last three years and in the current year along with projects approved/ sanctioned for implementation in the country including Chhattisgarh, State/UTwise;
- (c) the distance of these projects, mines and production sites from forest areas;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of these projects on the surrounding environment and wild life; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures adopted for addressing this problem?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b) Yes Madam. A total number of 1641 were granted EC during the last three years including this year. Of these projects, as per the information submitted by the project proponent 20 projects involve forest land.

(c) The distances of the projects from forest areas vary from project to project and are governed by the existing rules and regulations and the orders passed by various courts of law.

(d) and (e) Yes Madam. During the appraisal of the projects for grant of EC, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) assesses the impact of these projects on the surrounding environment and wild life based on the Environment Impact Assessment Report submitted by the project proponents. The corrective measures for addressing the problem, if any, are included as specific conditions in the ECs that are granted.
