

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 57
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2018

Limitation on Mining Activities

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

- (a) Whether the Government has suggested limits on production of minerals such as limestone, as there is encroachment into agricultural land for mining of such minerals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has put the ceiling in order to conserve the environment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) To (b) Yes Madam, the Ministry vide letter dated 6th December, 2017 has suggested the Ministry of Mines for carrying out a capping study for minerals like limestone. Further, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) while appraising the project for grant of Environmental Clearance, inter-alia take into consideration the impact on land use and land cover of the area and if required restricts the mining activity to a limited area and to a limited production capacity.

(C) and (d): No Madam, as on date the Government has not put any ceiling.
