## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1730 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2018

#### Middle Strait Creek Bridger Project

### 1730:SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has receipt of any proposal from UT Administration of A&N Islands seeking clearance for construction of Middle Strait Creek Bridge Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision on the matter and if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. A proposal from UT Administration of A&N Islands, for construction of a 2-Lane Bridge over Middle Strait in Andaman has been received by the Central Government, and has been considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee and the Competent Authority. The Central Government is, however, yet to issue the clearance letter to the Project, pending a final decision in a matter pending before the National Green Tribunal and the Hon'ble Supreme Court, related to all Environmental Clearances in the coastal areas of the country.

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