

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3981
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2018

Forest Clearances for Central University

3981. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has cleared all the requisite forest clearances for Central University in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Government is considering a separate policy to deal with environmental clearances from hill States; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The proposal regarding diversion of 238.452ha of forest land in favour of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh for establishment of Central University of Himachal Pradesh was received in this Ministry vide letter dated 26.11.2011. The Ministry has granted in-principal (Stage I) for diversion of 81.79 ha (out of total 238.452 ha proposed originally) of forest land vide letter dated 27th August, 2015. The Ministry has observed that the remaining forest areas are ecologically fragile and thus were not considered for forest clearance.
- (c) & (d) At present, there is no separate policy to deal with proposals regarding environmental clearances from hill states.
