1058. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

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

(a) whether the decision of the Government to allow mining would affect the reserve forests of Nallamalla in Andhra Pradesh which is 0.5 km from the catchment area of the Krishna River but also lives of tribes of Amrabad in that region;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect Krishna River water from contamination with radioactive materials and right to life and livelihood of the people living in and around Nallamalla?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (c) This Ministry has not issued any permission for mining of radioactive material in Nallamala Reserve Forest in Andhra Pradesh. If any permission is given, appropriate mitigative measures in consultation with the concerned State Government are taken, including taking up compensatory afforestation over equivalent non-forest area or double degraded forest area.

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