GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2496 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

Diversion of Forest land

2496. SHRI T. R. BAALU:

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

- (a) the total extent of forest land diverted for non-forestry purposes during the last five years up to 2020-21, year-wise, State-wise;
- (b) the details of forest clearances involving 50 hectares and more for various purposes, accorded in the last five years;
- (c) the acreage of land in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries diverted for nonforestry purposes, along with the details of location, projects, and project proponents; and
- (d) the details of projects which were opposed by the people of the project affected areas and the justification for according clearance despite public opposition?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a)& (b) As per the information available, a total of 82893.61hectare of forest land has been approved for non-forest use under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during April 2016 toMarch 2021. The State/UT-wise details are given in Annexure-I. Thedetails of forest clearances accorded involving 50 hectare and more area for various purposes, in thesaid periodaregiven in Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d) As per available record 206 proposals involving 4118.109067 ha area with in Protected Areas including National Parks andSanctuarieshave been recommended by the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (SCNBWL) during the years 2020 and 2021. However, the Central Government has launched an online portal namely PARIVESH ("Pro Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive and Virtuous Environmental Single window Hub") for the purpose of submitting and processing proposals for the Forest, Wildlife and other Environmental clearances. The portal has provisions to upload the details of projects including locations and project proponents. The information so uploaded is available in the public domain on the website <u>www.parivesh.nic.in</u>.

TheGovernment of India accords prior approval to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for use of forest land for nonforest purposes under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and related Statutes, Rules and Guidelines.

Annexure referred to part (a) of the LSUQ No. 2496 dated 13.12.2021 asked by Shri T.R. Baalu regarding Diversion of Forest land'

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Aadhya Pradesh	896.63	4549.15	5743.85	2095.89	6352.90	19638.41
Kerala	4.16	0.17	2.88	0.80	1.20	9.21
Karnataka	199.20	326.52	139.64	390.12	299.78	1355.25
harkhand	303.82	351.73	1448.05	903.90	413.67	3421.16
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Purpose wise details of proposals involving 50 ha and more area approved during 2016-17 to 2020-21

	Grand Total	6408.07	17317.94	16786.45	14533.55	13774.60	68820.61
14	Wind Power	60.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.70
	Line						
13	Transmission	196.01	533.04	459.92	915.59	1636.22	3740.78
12	Thermal	0.00	114.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.36
11	Road	819.11	1095.51	607.38	1442.28	2875.60	6839.88
10	Rehabilitation	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
9	Railway	0.00	1777.04	120.15	465.90	917.47	3280.56
8	Others	256.34	1421.13	287.05	996.72	957.08	3918.31
7	Mining	1427.78	4033.55	5422.73	3174.18	2253.80	16312.03
6	Irrigation	3348.14	3921.99	5201.98	2688.76	1357.56	16518.42
5	Industry	0.00	0.00	149.20	0.00	0.00	149.20
4	Hydel	0.00	0.00	98.10	4577.84	580.78	5256.72
3	Forest Village Conversion	0.00	809.00	285.70	0.00	198.00	1292.70
2	Drinking Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.87	409.53	527.40
1	Defence	0.00	3612.33	4154.23	154.42	2588.56	10509.54
No.		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
S.	Category	2016-	2017-	2018-	2019-	2020-	Grand