

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3243
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF MINING COAL

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state :-

whether the Government has commissioned any study to assess the impact of coal consumption on environment and the measures to reduce it and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL, MINES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change grants Environment Clearances under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, as listed in Schedule-I therein, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report & Environment Management Plan (EMP) are prepared by the Project Proponents. These reports are appraised by technical committee (Expert Appraisal Committee-EAC) as mandated in EIA, Notification, 2006. Environment Management Plan (EMP) as submitted by project proponent through environmental consultant, is based on scientific study by taking into consideration of environment sensitivity such as ecological area, wildlife sanctuary/ National Parks, etc. It also assesses the impact of project activity on nearby habitation/villages. The EIA-EMP reports also include likely impact on water and air environment due to upcoming activities including coal consumption by projects and appropriate mitigation measures to minimize the impacts.
