

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to stop the three linear projects approved by the state government of Goa as it is destroying the ecological balance in the region.

SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA (SOUTH GOA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, there are three Linear Projects which have been approved for Goa. The double line -- that is one of the projects -- has already been started. They are going to the wild sanctuary, destroying thousand of trees and also, disturbing the fauna. The people of Goa have protested several times. The other day, the hon. Chief Minister said that he was happy that these projects were approved. I told him that in a democracy, there are elections in every five years and that these projects have not started. If in five years, people can change the Government, I said that it is his duty to change the decision.

The people of Goa are protesting against these projects because these projects are destroying the flora and fauna of the mountains, wildlife, etc. Therefore, I would like to request the Government to please stop these projects in the interests of Goa. Thank you, Sir.