

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3351  
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ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of States have requested the Union Government for release of grant for conducting Environment Impact Assessment Studies and carrying capacity of different districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) the details of proposals cleared by the Union Government as on date; and
- (d) the time by which remaining proposals are likely to be cleared alongwith the fund allocation if any, made in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) In view of the existing and proposed mining activities envisaged in Hospet-Bellary region of Karnataka, the Ministry had requested Karnataka Government to initiate Environment Impact Assessment and Carrying Capacity Studies of the region to ameliorate the existing situation and to formulate a long term mining policy. The Karnataka Government, accordingly, submitted a proposal for undertaking these studies at an estimated cost of Rs.1.05 crores. No other State has requested for grant of such funds.

(c)&(d) The matter was taken up with Ministry of Mines who informed that their Ministry as well as the Ministry of Steel are concerned about the need to undertake scientific mining operations in the region and have decided that a joint team of the Directorate of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka and Indian Bureau of Mines would carry out a detailed study for this area for evolving policy guidelines for renewal or grant of new mining leases.

In view of the above, Karnataka Government was informed on 1st May, 2001 that a separate study is not required and hence no funds were released.