

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1073
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have effected a change in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 which raises the investment limit for new projects from Rs. 50 crore to 100 crore;
- (b) if so, whether the ministry has identified around 16 categories of industry for the relaxation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is likely to make the process simpler and quicker; and
- (e) if so, the extent thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) :Yes, Sir. The Government of India through a Notification No.S.O.632 (E) dated 13th June, 2002 brought out certain amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification (EIA) of 27th January, 1994 including raising the investment limit from Rs.50 crores to Rs.100 crores for 16 categories of new projects listed under Schedule - 1 of the said EIA Notification. The list includes infrastructure, thermal power, nuclear power and river valley projects also. The details of 16 categories of development projects are given at Annexure.

(d) & (e) : The procedure for environmental clearance is reviewed from time to time in order to further streamline the process and make the decision making process simpler, time bound and more transparent.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a), (b) & (c) of the LOK SABHA Unstarred Question No. 1073 Dated 25.11.2002

List of 16 categories of development projects

1. Nuclear Power and related projects such as Heavy Water Plants, Nuclear Fuel Complex, Rare Earths.
2. River Valley projects including hydel power, major Irrigation and their combination including flood control.
3. Ports, Harbours, Airports (except minor ports and harbours).
4. Petroleum Refineries including crude and product pipelines.
5. Chemical Fertilizers (Nitrogenous and Phosphatic other than single super-phosphate).
6. Petroleum Complexes (Both Olefinic and Aromatic) and Petro-chemical intermediates such as DMT, Caprolactam, LAB etc. and production of basic plastics such as LDPE, HDPE, PP, PVC.
7. Exploration for oil and gas and their production, transportation and storage.
8. Synthetic Rubber.
9. (a) Primary metallurgical industries (such as production of Iron and Steel, Aluminium, Copper, Zinc, Lead and Ferro Alloys).
- (b) Electric Arc Furnaces (Mini Steel Plants).
10. Chlor alkali industry.
11. Viscose Staple fibre and filament yarn.
12. Storage batteries integrated with manufacture of oxides of lead and lead antimony alloys.
13. Thermal Power Plants.
14. Highway Projects.
15. Pulp, Paper and newsprint.
16. Cement