

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that many temples and churches have been constructed in forest land of villages in Chhattisgarh during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location wise;
- (c) whether an environmental clearance was obtained from the Ministry of Environment and Forests in this regard; and
- (d) if so, when and if not, the action to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

- (a) As per the information received from Government of Chhattisgarh no temples and churches have been constructed on forest land of villages in Chhattisgarh during the last three years.
- (b) to (d) Questions do not arise.