

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

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DEMAND FOR FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the forest land in acre demanded by Mahanadi Coal Company as per its designs; and
- (b) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) The Mahanadi Coalfields has requested for diversion of 3,712.89 acres (1,515.464 hectares) of forest land for 12 mining projects in Orissa. Out of these, the approval for diversion of 3643.13 acres (1,486.989 hectares) has already been granted in respect of 11 proposals. Remaining 1 proposal involving proposed diversion of 69.76 acres (28.475 hectares) was incomplete and was returned to the State Government.