

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO STEEL PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of proposals for setting up of steel projects in Orissa pending for the forest and environmental clearance ;
- (b) whether any of these projects are being set up in the reserve forest area; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) There are thirteen proposals for setting up of steel projects in Orissa pending for environmental clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. As per the information submitted by the project authorities, of these projects, only one project proposed for its expansion is involved about 43.407 Ha. in the village forest (Gramya Jungle) in the Sambalpur forest division for which a proposal has already been submitted by the project authorities to the State Government of Orissa for approval.

No proposal for setting up of steel projects in Orissa is pending for forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.