

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

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

(a) whether the Union Government in consultation with the Ministry of Coal, has formulated six point agenda to make the process of forest and environment clearance faster for various mining projects in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Coal have an on going dialogue to streamline the process of grant of environmental clearance and forestry clearance in consonance with the policy of sustainable development and environmental conservation.