## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2592 ANSWERED ON:22.07.2009 BAN ON PRODUCTION OF BRICKS Pratapsinh Shri Chauhan Prabhatsinh;Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed ban on production of fireclay bricks in the country to protect the environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the States which are not following the ban imposed by the Union Government;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take alternative steps to meet the demand and supply of bricks for construction purpose while conserving the environment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## **Answer**

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

(a) to (e) No, Sir. However, to conserve the environment, the Government has notified "Emission Standards for Brick kilns" under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. As per the notification, the moving chimney bull's trench kilns were dispensed with by the 30th June, 2002 and further, no new moving chimney kilns are allowed to come up.