

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CLEARANCE TO SARYU CANAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has given clearance to the Saryu Canal Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the area of the forest likely to be affected by the project; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to compensate the affected forest area?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The Saryu Canal Project, Uttar Pradesh has been granted both forest and environment clearance in April, 1979 and June, 2000 respectively.

(c) & (d) 398.15 ha forest land is involved in the project and an area of 427.84 ha was made available by the State Irrigation Department to Western Baharaich forest division, Uttar Pradesh to carry out compensatory afforestation.