

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

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

- (a) whether the certain State Governments have submitted proposals to the Union Government for forestry clearance to undertake exploration of uranium in their States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) So far, 20 proposals pertaining to exploration and mining of Uranium have been received in the Ministry including 14 proposals for exploration. The remaining 6 proposals for mining of Uranium have been accorded forest clearance. Of the 14 proposals of exploration, 7 have been approved and 4 have been withdrawn / returned / closed for want of information. While 1 proposal has been rejected on merit, the 2 are pending with the State Governments. The details are given in the annexure.