

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

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COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE MINING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Special Committee under his Ministry constituted for examining mining proposals both in and around tiger reserves has turned down all mining proposals;
- (b) if so, whether the Committee has also suggested that the existing coal mines in the area be shut down; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) A Committee of independent experts, constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority, has not favourably viewed some mining proposals (7) owing to their detrimental effect on tiger conservation. Further, the said Committee has recommended that none of the existing mines falling within the Satpura-Pench corridor should be renewed after expiry of the present lease.