

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2384
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO PORTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal for setting up of some new ports in the country are pending due to environmental clearance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for not issuing the environment clearance?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Only one proposal of an All Weather direct berthing Port at Arjeepalli, Ganjam District, Orissa of M/s. Gopalpur Ports Limited is pending for Environmental Clearance as on 21.11.2010.

(c) The Environmental clearance could not be issued to this project due to its proximity to the nesting grounds for Olive Ridley Turtles and the views expressed by some expert members, which are under examination.