

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

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SETTING UP OF NEPA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to set up National Environmental Protection Authority (NEPA);
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the likely function of the Authority' and
- (c) The time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A proposal to set up a National Environment Protection Authority (NEPA) or a National Environment Assessment and Monitoring Authority (NEAMA) to strengthen enforcement and monitoring of compliance of environmental statutes and to improve environmental planning and management with a focus on environmental impact assessment and coastal zone management is in a conceptual stage. The details and time schedule for setting up of the Authority are yet to be formalized.