

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

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MINING IN FOREST AREAS

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

- (a) the forest area in sq. km under encroachment and the number of mining units functioning illegally causing environmental degradation in various States, State & UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has recently carried out an impact assessment survey of the mining activities being carried out in the dense forest areas of the country;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ban/restrict mining activities in forest areas of the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State/UT Governments and will be laid on the table of the House.