

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has an established policy to ensure that all the rivers will enjoy ``environmental flow`` even with dams and power projects being built on them;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has ensured that all environmental clearances will insist on a minimum assurance of ``environmental flow`` of all the rivers;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has deleted the "conditionality" of environmental flow as an important factor before giving clearances;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure ``environmental flow`` of all the rivers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.