

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

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ASSESSMENT IN CAVING OF LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has got ascertained reasons by geologists in regard to formulation of grassland into spongy land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the incident of Hamirpur of Uttar Pradesh and Jabalpur area of Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to improve the land?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No information is available with the Ministry of Environment and Forests on formulation of grassland into spongy land in forest areas of the Country.
- (c) to (e) As per information received from State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, no incident of formulation of grassland into spongy land has been reported from forest areas of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.