

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

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EXPEDITION IN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the existing rules under which environmental clearances are examined for coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent to which the environmental clearances in the country would be expedited by such amendment?

Answer

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

(a) There is no proposal to amend the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 under which the environmental appraisal for the coal mines in the country is undertaken.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of the reply to part (a) given above.