

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

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EIA REPORT ON PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has recommended the reduction in quantity of the production of iron ore in the Bellary district in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 5th August 2011 in Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No. 7366-7367/2010 etc. inter-alia directed that a macro level EIA study in respect of Bellary district, Karnataka be undertaken by Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) in collaboration with Wildlife Institute of India, Forest Survey of India and such other domain experts, as may be decided by ICFRE in consultation with Ministry of Environment and Forests. The ICFRE, Dehradun submitted a report of the Macro Level Environmental Impact Assessment study of Bellary District, Karnataka before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The report is under consideration of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.