

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2989  
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EFFICIENCY OF SAW MILL  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether in Andaman & Nicobar Islands in a joint tour of the Chatham Saw Mill by the Chief Secretary and Member of Parliament on January 19, 2010, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest assured to purchase several equipment machines spare parts during the current year itself for improving the efficiency of the Saw Mill;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these machineries were purchased or not;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of fund allocated in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The repair / replacement were proposed to be undertaken at gantry shed, treatment plant, Electrical Overhead Travelling Crane (EOT Crane), planing machine as well as procurement of One 60" vertical sawing machine.
- (c) Some machineries and equipment like thickness planer machine, multi-edger machine, diesel generator set, fire-fighting equipments etc were procured. Gantry shed was renovated.
- (d) For procurement of 60" vertical head rig sawing machine, the department of Environment and Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has invited the tenders. On first occasion, no valid tender was received. It was retendered but before the tenders could be evaluated, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration decided that in place of procuring machineries and equipment on piecemeal basis, the Department of Environment and Forests should get a modernization plan for Chatham Saw Mill prepared by engaging a consultant. The Department invited tender for engagement of a consultant for preparing modernization plan for Chatham Saw Mill and the tenders were opened on 25.08.2011 but no one participated in the tender. Hence, it could not be procured as prescribed procedure under General Financial Rules etc. has not been completed despite above mentioned efforts.
- (e) An outlay of Rs 70.00 lakhs has been provided for procurement of machineries and equipments for Chatham Saw Mill in the plan budget for 2011-12.