

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6209

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RECOMMENDATIONS BY WGEEC ON MINING

Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

(a) whether the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Committee (WGEEC) has made several recommendations including the extension of the moratorium on all mining activities and development of coal based power projects in the coastal district of Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri and Raigad region of Maharashtra till a survey on the environmental impact to such projects has been carried out;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) The Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests has submitted its report to the Ministry. The Ministry is consulting the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries and has not yet taken any view on the recommendations contained in the report.