

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

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

- (a) whether the dense forests adjoining hilly regions are being cut down in the name of development leading to environmental imbalances in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study by environmental experts in the near future with a view to preventing environmental disasters and stopping deforestation in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) There are no reports in the Ministry regarding dense forests adjoining hilly regions being cut down in the name of development.
- (c) to (f) Government has not conducted a nation wide study recently by environmental experts for preventing environmental disasters and stopping deforestation. However, projects specific studies are generally conducted in cases of forest diversion under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and those requiring environment clearances under the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 which study the environment impact and suggest mitigation measures.