

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2562
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INDUSTRIALISATION ZONE AROUND NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has opposed the recommendations of the Centrally Empowered Committee suggesting that the ring of limited industrialisation zone around the 600 plus National Parks and Sanctuaries be diminished;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; 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 Ministry of Environment and Forests has decided to adhere to the decision of the National Board for Wildlife taken in its Meeting held on 17th March 2005 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, to have site specific proposals for declaration of eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries. An affidavit to this extent has been filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The matter is sub-judice.