

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3770  
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2012  
BAN ON EXCAVATION OF BRICK EARTH  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that the Supreme Court has put a blanket ban on the excavation of brick earth for brick moulding;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of action taken/propose to be taken by the Government to create alternate source to augment supply of basic raw material to brick-kiln industry?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Hon'ble Supreme Court has not put a blanket ban on the excavation of brick earth for brick moulding.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.