

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2257

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IMPACT OF MINES ON WILDLIFE

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the impact of mines on wildlife in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the wildlife found near the mines are being pushed on the verge of extinction due to excessive pollution which is tantamount to inviting an ecological imbalance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any data revealing that certain mines have caused the extinction of certain wildlife;
- (e) if so, whether corrective steps have been taken by the Government in this regard;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No specific studies on impact of mines of wildlife in various States, have been conducted by the Ministry.
- (b) and (c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.
- (d) No Sir,
- (e) and (f) In view of (d) above, question does not arise.