

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

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CLEARANCE TO POWER COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant environmental clearance only to those power generating companies who import high grade coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) There is no proposal to consider thermal power projects for environmental clearance based only on high grade imported coal. The proposals for thermal power projects are considered for environmental clearance as per the procedure laid down in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006.