

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

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EIA NOTIFICATION .

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

- (a) the details of sector-specific Expert Appraisal Committees notified as per provision under the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006;
- (b) the details of role played by the above Committee during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of reviewed works carried out by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year along with its outcome;
- (d) the reason for taking long time to grant environment clearance to projects by the above Committees along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) At present, the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) has constituted seven number of sector specific Expert Appraisal Committees (EACs) as per the provisions under the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time. These Committees cover industrial; mining (coal); mining (non-coal); thermal; nuclear; defence; CRZ; infrastructure and miscellaneous sectors.
- (b) & (c) The sector specific EACs appraise project proposals relating to concerned sectors and make recommendations to the MoEF. Based on the recommendations of the EACs, MoEF take appropriate view on grant of Environment Clearances (ECs). During the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and current year (till December, 2013), MoEF has granted ECs to 1848 number of projects.
- (d) & (e) Various steps taken by MoEF to fast track the EC process without compromising the quality of appraisal or the integrity of the environment include continuous monitoring of status of pending projects, regular and longer duration meetings of EACs for consideration of projects in various sectors, etc.