

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF MINING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study relating to impact of bauxite mining on environment;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the said mining is also adversely affecting human lives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has not conducted any study relating to impact of Bauxite mining on environment. MoEF&CC has notified Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 which deals with the process to grant Environmental Clearance. The projects of mining of minerals including bauxite require prior environmental clearance. As per EIA Notification 2006, all the Project Proponents including bauxite mining projects needs to prepare a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment/Environmental Management Plan for obtaining Environmental Clearance. While according environmental clearance, the Expert Appraisal Committee stipulates necessary conditions for safeguarding the environment. The status of compliance of stipulated conditions of the environmental clearances of different projects, including mining projects, is monitored through ten Regional Offices of this Ministry in the Country.