

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5526
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COLLECTION OF SAND
Mahato Shri Bidyut Baran

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued any directives to the States regarding ban on collection of sand from rivers and forest areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has submitted any request to withdraw such ban; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) No Sir, the Government of India has not issued any order relating to the ban on collection of sand from rivers and forest areas.
- (b) to (d) Does not arise.