

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

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RESTRICTION ON COAL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has brought down the number of coal blocks to be kept out of bounds for miners from 206 to a mere 35; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) No Sir. Parameters for identification of inviolate forest areas for mining have not been finalised by the Central Government.