

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6345
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FOREST CLEARANCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for Forest/Wildlife Clearance for the East-West Corridor Project, falling within the Borail Wildlife Sanctuary in the Districts of Cachar and Dima Hasao in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the proposal?

Answer

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

(a)to (c) Yes, Government has received proposal for forest/wildlife clearance of 83.777 ha of forest land for East-West Corridor Project, a part of which is falling within the Borail Wildlife Sanctuary. Proposal of 24.1268 ha requiring wildlife clearance was recommended by the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife in its 32nd meeting held on 21st January, 2015. This proposal will require approval of Hon'ble Supreme Court before it is considered by the Ministry for granting approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.