

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO PORT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal for environment clearance for Dugarajapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Government;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether wide spread concerns have been raised about the possible damage to the eco-system of the area on account of this port; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its 131st meeting held in February, 2014. The EAC in its meeting constituted a Sub-Committee to visit the site and submit a report.

(c) & (d) Some representations have been received regarding conservation of the ecosystem of Pulicat lake. This will be examined by the EAC