

Ozone layer in South India

3514. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ozone Layer in South India is depleted due to environmental pollution;

(b) if so, what Corrective environmental steps are being taken; and

(c) what further steps are being taken to educate the people of the area on preventive measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARA-MANGARAM) : (a) There is no evidence of depletion of Ozone Layer over part of India.

(c) and (b) Do not arise.

Pending projects for environmental clearance

3515. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects in various sectors (sector-wise and

State-wise) which are pending with the Environment Ministry for clearance ;

(b) what are the reasons for their not being cleared by the Ministry ;

(c) steps taken for the expeditious clearance of these projects ;

(d) whether any built-in-mechanism has been developed to cut delays in clearance of projects ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARA-MANGARAM) : (a) A statement is enclosed, (see below)

(b) Complete Environmental Information and Environmental Management Plans are not available with respect to the projects listed in the statement. Projects can be assessed only after receipt of the required environmental data and action plans.

(c) to (e) The Ministry has developed guidelines and questionnaires with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment for different sectors. These are made available to project authorities in advance and whenever clearance is sought for, the same is provided.

Statement

Number of Projects pending as on 29-2-92

| No. | State/Ua on Territory | Development Sector | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | | Mining | Thermal Power | Industry | River Valley | Others | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 5 | — | 1 | — | 3 | 9 |
| 2 | Assam | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 |
| 3 | Bihar | 9 | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| 4 | Gujarat | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | 4 |