

environmental clearance. These projects are appraised by a multi disciplinary Expert Appraisal Committee constituted for the purpose, based on the detailed environment impact assessment study carried out by the project proponent, which *inter-alia* include the likely impacts of the proposed project on different components of the environment and the requisite Environment Management Plan. The necessary environmental safeguard measures are stipulated while granting environmental clearance to such projects for their implementation during the project cycle for ensuring sustainable development. Further, mining of minerals is carried out as per the approved mine plan.

Pollution due to cement factories in Rewa

†2452 SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cement factories set up in Rewa and Satna districts in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the number of people who suffered from various diseases due to pollution by these factories and how many of them died;
- (c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of measures taken to control this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) There are 06 cement plants in Rewa and Satna districts of Madhya Pradesh, out of which, 05 are reportedly complying with the pollution control norms. Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board has been asked by the Central Pollution Control Board to take necessary action against the non-compliant plant. No environmental health monitoring study has been undertaken by the Government for these cement plants.

Conservation of forests

2453.SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new initiative contemplated by Government in conserving forests and improving profit margin of forest produce;
- (b) the details of revenue earned during the last five years from various States; and
- (c) the steps taken to protect and preserve the forests in the North Eastern Region and the details of the proposal and the amount allocated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The new initiatives contemplated by the Government in .conserving forests include:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.