

- (b) the guidelines and eligibility criteria for REED projects in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) Formally, India has not launched REDD+ and there is no project from the country under the United Nations Mechanism for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REED). India is in the process of finalizing the National REDD+ Policy and Strategy.

**Reasons for delay in providing clearances for various projects in Odisha**

3108. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state :

- (a) the number and details of the industrial, port, coal and mining projects in the state of Odisha pending under the Ministry for environmental clearance; and
- (b) the current status of each of the proposals; and the reasons for delay in providing clearances for the aforesaid projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) 21 project proposals related to industry, coal mining and non-coal mining (industry: 8, coal mining: 3 and non-coal mining: 10) from the State of Odisha, are pending with the Ministry for grant of environment clearance.

The project proposals for environment clearance are considered as per the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time, which *inter-alia* provides timelines for various stages of clearance process. Sometimes, delays occur essentially on account of delay in receiving requisite information from the project proponents and in conducting public hearing by the concerned district level authorities.

**Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas**

3109. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had published the Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India in 2007, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government plans to make the country free from land degradation by 2030 to meet the requirements of increasing population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) had carried out desertification and land degradation status mapping