

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 41
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

Environmental degradation in Hasdeo Aranya, Chhattisgarh

*41. SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Wildlife Institute of India has conducted any study on the Hasdeo Aranya and submitted a report to Government;
- (b) if so, whether a ban has been recommended in that report on mining activities and if so, the details of the action taken by Government thereon;
- (c) the number of trees cut for mining and the number of new trees planted till 2023 in this Aranya;
- (d) the number of newly planted trees that survived; and
- (e) the details of the number of trees to be cut down in this forest for mining activities in the coming years?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *41 REGARDING “ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION IN HASDEO ARANYA, CHHATTISGARH” BY SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2024.

- (a) The Government of Chhattisgarh assigned a Biodiversity Assessment Study of whole Hasdeo-Arand Coalfields to Indian Council of Forestry, Research and Education, Dehradun who in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun conducted study and submitted the report to the State Government. The report was submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change by the State Government vide their letter dated 14.06.2021.
- (b) In the said report, no complete ban on mining was recommended.
- (c) As per the information received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh, 94460 trees have been felled in Parsa East Kete Basen Mine and 53,40,586 trees have been planted as compensatory afforestation, mine reclamation and translocation.
- (d) As informed by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, approximately 40,93,395 newly planted trees have survived.
- (e) As informed by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, 2,73,757 trees are required to be felled in the coming years.
