

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:82
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MINERAL SAND MINING IN COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposals have been received from various States including Kerala for allowing private parties for mineral sand mining in their coastal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether permission has been granted for the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any agreement with private parties has been signed in this regard particularly in Kerala;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the ecological impact of such schemes; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): The Government have received proposals from various agencies including private parties seeking environmental clearance for the purpose of mining rare earth minerals and associated garnet sand in the coastal stretches of the country which are as follows:

Sl. No.	Parties/Agencies	State	Details of the project	Status of environmental clearance
1.	Bhimili Beach Sand Mining Project of M/s Indian Rare Earths Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh	-	Not accorded environmental clearance due to lack of information.
2.	Garnet Sand Mining Project of M/s Transworld Garnet India Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh	Mining lease area 95.085 ha.	Environmental clearance accorded.
3.	Heavy Mineral Mining Expansion Project of M/s V. V. Minerals.	Tamil Nadu	-	Environmental clearance not accorded due to lack of information.
4.	Garnet Sand Mining Project of M/s Transworld Garnet India Ltd.	Tamil Nadu	Mining lease area 10.105 ha.	The project was accorded environmental clearance.
5.	Site clearance (prospecting and exploration) for three prospecting leases of M/s Tata Iron and Steel Company.	Tamil Nadu	-	Not accorded environmental clearance due to lack of

information.

6. Chavara Beach Sand Project of
M/s Indian Rare Earths Ltd. Kerala - Not accorded environmental
clearance due to lack of
information.

(g) & (h): Information with regard to environmental impact of such mining project is being collected.