

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4143  
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002  
HILL CUTTING  
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the practice of hill cutting which is so rampant in Assam and other States in the North East which poses a serious threat to the local inhabitants;
- (b) if so, whether any study about degradation of the soil and the seismic and other dangers posed to the habitations thereby has been conducted;
- (c) if so, the details indicating the outcome of the study; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to avert the resultant calamities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

- (a) : No specific instance has been brought to the notice of this Ministry in this regard.
- (b), (c) & (d) : Do not arise.