

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1581  
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PRESERVATION OF FRAGILE ECO SYSTEM  
Sonowal Shri Sarbananda

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the large scale open cast mining in Patkai Hills bordering Assam and Nagaland; and
- (b) if, so the steps taken to preserve the fragile eco-system of the area?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.