

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:606

ANSWERED ON:09.05.2005

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT EXPERT COMMITTEES FOR CLEARANCE OF PROJECTS

Kuppusami Shri C.;Singh Shri Uday

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

- (a) whether the Government is in the process of reviewing the current environmental clearance procedure;
- (b) if so, the main objectives thereof along with the name of agency which has been assigned the task indicating time frame fixed in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has set up some environmental assessment expert committees/ groups to advice it on issues of granting clearance to major projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the composition of members of such committees/groups;
- (e) whether the experts in the field of environment have severely criticised the setting of such committees/groups;
- (f) if so, the facts and the details in this regard; and
- (g) the further reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 606 for reply on 9.5.2005 regarding environmental assessment expert committees for clearance of projects asked by Shri C. Kuppusami and Shri Uday Singh.

(a) The Government has already undertaken a comprehensive review of the existing environmental clearance process

(b) The above review was undertaken by engaging an internationally experienced consultancy firm named M/S Environmental Resources Management India Pvt. Ltd. The main objective of the review was to identify problems, bottlenecks and constraints of the existing procedures and practices of environmental clearance and recommend measures for making the Environmental Impact Assessment process more efficient and effective.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Six sector-specific Expert Committees for the areas of Thermal Power Plants, Mining, Infrastructure & Miscellaneous Projects, River Valley & Hydroelectric Projects, Industrial Projects and New Construction Projects & Industrial Estates have been constituted .The composition of the existing six sectoral Expert Committees is enclosed as Annexure I.

(e)&(f) The Government has received a copy of a note circulated by some Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on the composition of the existing Expert Committees. These NGO's have been critical of the composition of the existing committees from the point of view of the regional representation, lack of multi-disciplinary expertise and inadequate representation of all stakeholders including women.

(g) The Government has framed guidelines for selection of Non-Officials/ Experts/Professionals to various statutory bodies under the Ministry of Environment and Forests and all the existing Committees are already under review.

ANNEXURE-I

COMPOSITION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR THERMAL PROJECTS

S.No	Name & Address	Designation
------	----------------	-------------

1.	Shri P.M. Abraham, TC 4/1996, Mummys Colony (No.8), Kawdiar,	
----	--	--

- Thiruvananthapuram-695003. Chairman
2. Prof. C.K. Varshney, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mehrauli Road, New Delhi. Member (Vice-Chairman)
  3. Shri Y.S. Murthy, 12-5-35/A/4, 6th Street, Tarnaka, Secunderabad-500 017. Member
  4. Dr. B. Sengupta, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Member
  5. Dr. K. Krishnaiah, Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai-600 036. Member
  6. Dr. K.K.S. Bhatia, Scientist F and Head. Environmental Hydrology Division, National Institute of Hydrology, Jalvighyan Bhavan, Roorkee-247687. Member
  - 7 Shri Dharam Paul, Chief Engineer (Energy), Representative of Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhavan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022. Member
  8. Shri K.P. Niyati, Head, Environment Management Division, Confederation of Indian Industry, India Habitat Centre, 4th Floor, Core-4A, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003. Member
  9. Shri K.K. Sarin, S-108, Panchsheel Park, New Delhi - 110011. Member
  10. Representative of Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. Member
  11. Shri S.K. Napoleon, 28, Kanniamman Koil Street, Anakaputhur, Chennai-600070. Member
  12. Shri B. Lal, Additional Director General of Meteorology, Indian Meteorological Department, Mausam Bhavan, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003. Member
  13. Dr. S.K. Aggarwal, Director, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi -110003. Member Secretary

COMPOSITION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR MINING SECTOR

- | S.No. | Name & Address   | Designation            |
|-------|--|------------------------|
| 1.    | Shri K. Venketesan, Former Secretary to the Government of India, 113, F-Block, Annanagar (East), Chennai-600102.                     | Chairman               |
| 2.    | Prof. S.P. Banerjee, 178/4, Parnasree (Opp. Puddapukar Kali Temple), Behala, Kolkata - 700 060.                                      | Member (Vice Chairman) |
| 3.    | Shri Vinay Mahajan, A-24, Nizamuddin (East), New Delhi - 110013.   | Member                 |
| 4.    | Shri K.S. Raju, Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001.  | Member                 |
| 5.    | Shri R. Rathinagiri, 488, East Rampart, Thanjavur-613001.  | Member                 |
| 6.    | Shri H.V. Paliwal, D-3, 3314, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.   | Member                 |
| 7.    | Prof. M. Selvanayagam, Department of Zoology, Loyola College, Chennai-600034.  | Member                 |
| 8.    | Dr. Asha Rajvanshi, Faculty In charge, EIA Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, P.O. Box No. 18, Chandrabani, Dehradun-248001.         | Member                 |
| 9.    | Shri B. Lal, Addl. Director General of Meteorology (H), Indian Meteorology Department, Mausam Bhavan, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.   | Member                 |
| 10.   | Dr. H.N. Saiyed, Director, National Institute of Occupational Health, Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad-380016.                               | Member                 |
| 11.   | Dr. Arijit Dey, Scientist, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, A-2, W-3, Curzon Road Barracks, New Delhi-1. | Member                 |
| 12.   | Dr. Gautam Bhattacharya, K-13, Sector XI, NOIDA-201 301.   | Member                 |
| 13.   | Dr. T. Chandni, Additional Director, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003  | Member Secretary       |

COMPOSITION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR RIVER VALLEY & HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

S.No.	Name & Address	Designation
1.	Dr. P.G. Sastri, H.No. 1-8-678/A/1, Padma Colony, Nallakunta, Hyderabad-500044.	Chairman
2.	Prof. S. Chanda, Centre for Studies of Man & Environment, CK-II, Sector-2, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091.	Member (Vice Chairman)
3.	Dr. Satya P.S. Kushwaha, Head, Forestry & Ecology Division, IIRS, 4, Kalidas Road, Post Box No. 135, Dehradun-248 001 (Uttaranchal)	Member
4.	Dr. A.K. Bhattacharya, Water Technology Center, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-110012.	Member
5.	Prof. S. Basu, Department of Earthquake Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee-247667	Member
6.	Dr. (Mrs.) V.M. Bendre, Director, Central Water and Power Research Station, Khadakvasla, Pune-411024.	Member
7.	Fisheries Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.	Member
8.	Dr. Apurba Sarkar, Project Directorate of Cropping System Research Modipuram, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250110.	Member
9.	Shri E. Karunanithy, No. 5, Thirupoor Kumaran Street, Radhanagar, Chromepet, Chennai - 600 044.	Member
10.	Shri R.S. Bharathi, Chairman, Alandur Municipality, New No. 18, 29th Street, Thillai Ganga, Nagar, Chennai-600 061.	Member
11.	Shri O.P. Sisodia, Asstt. Commissioner, Ministry of Rural Development, Block No. 11, 6th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.	Member
12.	Shri Ravinder Singh, Chief Engineer(EMO), 613(S), Sewa Bhavan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-66.	Member
13.	Dr. S. Bhowmik, Additional Director, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.	Member Secretary

COMPOSITION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

S.No.	Name & Address	Designation
1.	Dr. T.S. Vijayaraghan, 81, Valmiki Street, Thiruvanniyur, Chennai-600 041.	Chairman
2.	Shri R.K. Garg, 4, Vikram Jyoti Cooperative Society, Opp. Telecom Factory, Deonar, Mumbai-400 088.	Member (Vice-Chairman)
3.	Prof. B. Pitchumani, Chemical Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016.	Member
4.	Prof. N.R. Neelakantan, Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Adyar, Chennai-600 036.	Member
5.	Dr. B. Sengupta, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi.	Member
6.	Shri M.A. Vaidyalingam, 68, Thiruvalluvar Street, Meenambakkam, Chennai-600027.	Member

7 Dr. Sajid Hussain, 7/90, Zaheer Nagar Colony, Hoshiguda, Hyderabad-500007. Member

8. Shri T.K.S. Elangovan,C-5, Lloyds Colony Royapettah, Chennai-600014. Member

9. Dr. S. Mohan,Professor, Department of Civil Engineering,  
Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai-600036. Member

10. Dr. B. Lal, Addl. Director General of Meteorology (H),  
Indian Meteorology Department, Mausam Bhavan, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003. Member

11. Shri V. Balakrishnan, 8/94, III Cross, Natchathira Nagar,  
Thanjavur-613005, Tamil Nadu Member

12. Shri G.V. Subrahmaniam, Director, Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003. Member Secretary

#### COMPOSITION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE & MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

S.No. Name & Address Designation

1. Shri T.V. Antony,8, 4th Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar, Chennai-20. Chairman

2. Shri R. Sivaswamy, Chief Engineer & Administrator, ALHW(Retd)  
244, 39th Street, 8th Sector, K.K. Nagar, Chennai-78. Member (Vice Chairman)

3. Dr. S. Maity, Professor & Head, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya,  
B-2/210, Kalyani, Distt. Nadia, West Bengal-714235. Member

4. Dr. M. Baba, Director, Centre for Earth Science Studies,  
Thiruvananthapuram - 695031. Member

5. Dr. Arijit Dey, Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority,  
1103, Ansal Bhavan, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001. Member

6. Dr. M. Naganathan, Professor & Head, Department of Economics,  
University of Madra, Chennai- 600005. Member

7 Dr. T. Anantha Rajan, Former Professor of Anna University,  
Plot No. 6, Second Street Extn., Sarathy Nagar,  
Velachery, Chennai- 600 042. Member

8. Dr. S. Ramachandran, Professor and Director,  
Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University,Chennai-600025 Member

9. Prof. A.K. Maitra, Director,  
School of Planning & Architecture, I.P. Estates, New Delhi-110002. Member

10. Dr. R. Natarajan, Associate Professor,  
Ocean Engineering Centre, IIT, Chennai-600036. Member

11. Shri D. Chandrasekharan, Murali Anand, 5201/A, Chithra Kulam North Street,  
Mylapore, Chennai- 600 004. Member

12. Dr. T. Anantha Rajan, Plot No. 6, Second Street Extension, Sarathy Nagar,  
Velachery, Chennai- 600 042. Member

13 Dr. N.H. Hosabettu, Director, Ministry of Environment and Forests,  
Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-3. Member Secretary

#### COMPOSITION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

S.No. Name & Address Designation

1. Shri Paritosh C. Tyagi, Ex-Chairman, CPCB, NOIDA, U.P. Chairman

2. Prof. K.T. Ravindran, Professor of Urban Design,  
School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi. Member (Vice Chairman)

3. Prof. H.V. Bhavnani, Department of Environmental Engineering,  
M.S. University, Vadodara. Member
4. Ms. Rajalakshmi Kalanidhi, No. 19, II Street, East Abhirampuran, Mylapore,  
Chennai-600 004. Member
5. Ms. Mili Majumdar, Area Convenor, Centre for Research in Sustainable  
Building Science, TERI, Habitat Centre, New Delhi-3. Member
6. Shri I.J.S. Sidhu, Chief (Project Monitoring),  
Building Materials & Technology Promotion Centre. Member
- 7 Shri Upendra Kachru, President, Technology & Management Systems (TaMS),  
Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi. Member
8. Prof. A.K. Gosain, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT, New Delhi. Member
9. Shri R. Sethuraman, Adviser, Central Public Health & Environmental  
Engineering Organization (CPHEEO), ministry of Urban Affairs &  
Poverty Alleviation, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi. Member
10. Dr. Arun Bali, Director, Indian Council for Social Science Research,  
JNU Institutional Area, New Delhi-110067. Member
11. Dr. A.K. Saxena, Director (Environment), National Productivity Centre,  
New Delhi- 110003. Member
12. Dr. M.K. Sharma, Alternate Hydro Energy Centre, Indian Institute  
of Technology, Roorkee - 247667. Member
13. Shri T. Venugopal, Director, Central Pollution Control Board,  
Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi. Member
14. Prof. M. Shahir, Prof. Of Landscape Planning, School of Planning &  
Architecture, New Delhi. Member
15. Shri S. Shiva Kumar, Director, Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Paryavarn Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-3. Member Secretary