

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

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LEASING OUT JUNGLES TO INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to lease out jungles to industry to produce raw material like paper, pulp etc. as reported in the Times of India dated May 2, 2007 ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any study in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which forest and villagers living in such forest SEZs will be benefited thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

- (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has mooted a Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) framework for forestation on degraded lands in the country. The proposed framework envisages a tripartite arrangement between the land owing agency, the local village community and the sponsor who may be a company, firm, user group, trust, society or organization in public or private sector.
- (c) No Sir,
- (d) & (e) Do not arise in view of the above.