

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3017  
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LEASING OF NATIONAL PARK FOR MINING  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Department of Geology & Mining of the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir has leased out hundreds of acres of land belonging to the National Park for the purpose of gypsum mining without a No Objection Certificate from the Environment Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to stop the degradation of this National Park ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As per the information received from the state Government, the Department of Geology & Mining, Government of Jammu & Kashmir has not leased out any area of National Park in the State of Jammu & Kashmir for mining purpose.
- (b) &(c) Does not arise.