

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

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PROJECT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Government of Orissa and Vedant Aluminium for bauxite ore mining in the Niyamgiri Hills on Rayagada- Kalahandi boarder for forestry and environmental clearances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the proposal?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The proposal for environmental clearance is for opening of a new mine for production of 3.0 million tonne per annum of bauxite ore. The forestry clearance proposal is for diversion of 660.749 hectares of forestland for the above mine.
- (c) The environment and forestry clearances are yet to be granted.