

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1672
FOR ANSWER ON 13/12/2021

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF STEEL PROJECTS

1672. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of steel projects awaiting environmental clearance in the country;
- (b) the present status of the special purpose vehicles and special mining zones to attract investment in the Steel Sector; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for speedy environmental clearance for the said projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a)to(c): At present, 49 steel projects are being dealt for environment clearance in the country [at MoEF&CC level – 8 Nos; at State level with State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)-41 Nos]. With a view to expedite the Environment Clearance (EC) process, a number of steps have been taken by the Government, which includes following:-

- (i) Government has launched a single window online PARIVESH (Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single-window Hub) portal on 10/08/2018 in an effort to automate the entire process of clearances.
- (ii) Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) meetings for appraisal of projects are now conducted twice a month.
- (iii) Various other initiatives have also been taken by the Ministry through policy and technological interventions to ensure transparent and simplified process of EC without compromising on rigor of the environmental concerns.
