

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2845**  
FOR ANSWER ON 17/07/2019

**TREES CUT DOWN BY NMDC**

2845. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trees which were permitted to be cut down to construct the road to facilitate the mine no. 13 of the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) in the Bacheli/Dantewada area in Chhattisgarh during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of policy to plant new trees after the cutting of trees and whether the NMDC is adhering to that policy?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) 25,400 number of trees.

(b) The conditions/ instructions for compensatory afforestation issued in the Stage-I and II Forest Clearance under FC Act 1980 are complied by NMDC. Compensatory Afforestation over the degraded forest land, twice in extent to the area of forest land proposed to be diverted, is to be raised within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved plan, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency. NMDC has already deposited Rs 41,70,27,908 (Rs Forty One Crores Seventy Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eight Only ) in CAMPA Account for the purpose of compensatory afforestation.

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