

## **Green panel defers decision on JSW project**

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A central green panel has deferred decision on granting environment clearance (EC) to JSW Cement for its Mogla Limestone Mine project in Gulbarga, Karnataka, because the mine lease area is sub-judice. The proposal is for production of 4.51 million tonnes per annum of limestone-ROM from a mine lease area of 404 hectare in Mogla village in Gulbarga district.

The Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) of the Environment Ministry, which had deferred its decision on the proposal twice in 2016 for want of more details, took up the matter again last month.

JSW Cement, which is part of the \$11-billion JSW Group, is planning to expand its production capacity from 6.8 mt to 17 mt by April 2018. PTI