

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2462
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

IMPORT OF MINERALS

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the minerals imported into the country during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken initiative to expand new mining areas in the country to balance the import of minerals in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the mining areas expanded in Bundelkhand during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): The details of the mineral wise import into the country during 2017-18 to 2021-22 is at Annexure-I.

(b)& (c): Government has taken initiative to promote exploration activity and increase the number of geological reports handed over to States for auctioning of mineral blocks. Since 2015-16, 534 number of auctionable reports have been handed over to States so far (including 349 since 2021-22), and 241 number of mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned by the States so far (including 133 since 2021-22). Besides, amendment to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in 2015 and in 2021 has been aimed at increasing the pace of exploration and auctioning of mineral resources, increasing the production of minerals and time bound operationalization of mines and maintaining continuity in mining operations even after change of lessee. The above measures are, inter- alia, intended to expand new mining areas in the country to balance the import of minerals.

(d): The details of mining leases granted in Bundelkhand region during last five years is at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (a) of LS USQ No. 2462 answered on 15.03.2023 regarding 'IMPORT OF MINERALS'

Details of import of minerals by India during 2017-18 to 2021-22

(Value in Rs.'000)

Commodity	Unit	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22(P)	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Abrasive (natural)	TON	5,386	68,021	4,941	74,317	4,234	59,872	3,221	55,212	3,718	78,311
Alabaster	TON	1,145	28,996	1,378	39,474	1,040	32,801	826	27,872	1,572	59,681
Alumina	TON	2,224,197	60,483,412	2,856,524	102,946,453	1,844,483	49,829,384	2,334,786	57,491,719	2,549,567	82,447,635
Andalusite	TON	14,374	318,253	14,263	355,232	17,618	425,962	15,217	428,831	10,419	344,730
Antimony Ores & Conc.	TON	5,257	1,093,067	7,496	1,609,649	7,656	1,265,983	5,977	1,072,406	4,555	1,499,919
Arsenic Sulphide (natural)	TON	20	1,155	7	557	7	995	4	570	18	2,119
Asbestos	TON	357,182	11,603,678	364,107	12,253,121	361,163	12,432,333	308,506	11,851,124	437,511	16,631,390
Ball Clay	TON	197,847	1,514,693	175,253	1,579,468	126,794	1,115,239	65,828	765,439	93,855	1,134,427
Barytes	TON	10,983	237,166	11,498	266,740	15,436	427,967	11,691	313,860	16,577	523,859
Bauxite	TON	1,461,494	7,727,096	2,254,595	13,364,136	2,246,681	10,817,757	3,034,041	13,709,540	3,009,079	18,963,241
Bentonite	TON	48,964	657,246	57,232	868,080	72,618	882,272	90,933	1,019,395	142,010	2,131,123
Borax	TON	160,134	4,753,975	181,625	5,886,234	176,421	5,644,322	194,448	6,337,254	223,368	7,973,967
Building and Monumental Stones Nes	TON	103,826	418,406	201,754	850,408	47,971	523,956	16,327	360,034	44,482	422,105
Calcite	TON	74,152	353,344	71,713	346,401	63,458	302,799	67,643	374,975	41,688	290,721
Chalk	TON	6,988	36,764	254	6,143	105	4,131	66	2,661	64	2,197
Chromite	TON	160,504	2,981,860	162,663	3,154,448	124,693	2,065,047	156,211	2,257,733	245,710	4,232,459
Clay (others)	TON	24,338	302,247	17,482	319,967	20,961	317,309	12,562	241,521	14,245	279,441
Coal (excl Lignite)	THT	208,254	1,384,845,577	235,355	1,709,323,903	248,545	1,527,478,152	215,260	1,160,506,410	208,636	2,288,189,160
Coal, gas Water Etc. (except Gaseous Hydrocarbons)	TON	2	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Coal: lignite	THT	++	1,335	1	8,171	1	5,170	1	5,746	1	9,495
Cobalt Ores & Conc.	TON	--	--	1	4,476	2	9,253	++	325	1	6,917
Coke	TON	4,589,015	91,542,188	4,933,340	120,756,969	2,912,775	61,067,396	2,463,036	44,821,773	2,501,153	81,047,701
Copper Ores & Conc.	TON	1,488,163	278,344,776	823,938	121,462,018	821,555	86,675,247	415,136	59,071,579	1,018,934	223,814,328
Corundum (natural)	TON	1	29	--	--	--	--	1	79	++	10
Diamond		**	1,902,035,830	**	1,779,709,897	**	1,487,354,319	**	1,283,511,854	**	2,056,382,187
Diatomite	TON	2,426	88,318	3,647	139,462	4,950	152,229	7,099	212,766	1,787	94,373
Dolomite	TON	5,360,752	5,636,083	5,869,534	6,743,265	5,539,814	6,555,288	3,505,151	5,075,300	5,510,404	9,682,992
Earth Clay	TON	42	1,844	18	4,254	2	343	3	450	2	247
Emerald (cut & Uncut)		**	77,934,749	**	36,592,287	**	24,403,510	**	7,997,796	**	16,560,915
Feldspar (cut & Uncut)		**	48,136	**	96,750	**	83,631	**	8,094	**	22,005
Feldspar (natural)	TON	16,752	147,951	9,490	100,613	8,198	101,216	13,187	78,978	2,795	54,485
Fire Clay	TON	1,765	110,852	1,293	88,521	1,896	100,241	2,326	100,595	898	58,418
Flint	TON	4,431	56,232	6,886	76,018	6,279	62,362	9,209	85,170	8,611	83,205
Fluorspar	TON	221,816	3,958,979	265,443	7,281,833	239,589	7,225,937	220,573	6,090,596	286,224	7,792,038
Garnet (Cut And Uncut)		3,714	335,897	6,169	169,836	5,025	184,466	1,448	97,335	1,322	183,591
Garnet (abrasive)	TON	2,256	21,243	422	6,410	391	6,189	345	14,712	140	1,789
Granite	TON	60,340	1,760,531	61,960	1,940,629	56,169	1,846,960	37,304	1,320,021	35,032	1,279,464
Graphite (natural)	TON	39,861	1,487,949	47,057	2,328,880	41,405	1,863,220	40,153	1,808,218	54,047	2,651,642
Gypsum	TON	5,740,955	8,254,201	6,186,253	9,473,416	5,460,746	8,415,195	4,762,012	7,372,934	5,632,758	11,823,817
Iron Ore	THT	8,706	42,293,972	12,807	59,136,708	1,245	9,409,772	766	8,445,221	6,683	35,389,345
Kaolin	TON	192,539	2,787,449	229,733	3,581,700	231,662	3,933,899	237,144	4,431,804	223,127	5,048,415

Commodity	Unit	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22(P)	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Kieselguhr	TON	++	98	42	3,994	66	9,247	10	1,543	++	64
Kyanite	TON	620	17,806	997	27,590	1,112	33,476	1,238	42,080	1,668	53,418
Lead Ores & Conc.	TON	2,220	149,369	1,499	85,468	3,283	166,725	5,473	325,104	5,325	255,224
Limestone	TON	20,827,698	29,016,419	24,397,169	36,665,171	25,639,508	37,429,909	22,797,801	32,911,759	27,582,767	49,014,650
Magnesite	TON	229,629	5,268,653	464,365	11,120,844	365,053	9,468,163	364,577	7,657,838	510,898	13,106,490
Manganese Ore	TON	3,627,741	50,633,965	2,784,473	48,484,512	4,316,572	41,282,100	4,058,590	55,242,138	6,500,149	96,424,799
Marble	TON	1,164,244	22,696,789	997,194	20,190,596	951,361	17,923,694	645,253	12,032,307	1,073,654	21,110,673
Mica	TON	4,311	1,079,666	3,684	1,172,720	3,645	1,280,925	2,987	1,252,020	3,338	1,319,896
Molybdenum Ores & Conc.	TON	9,169	8,149,457	11,028	13,606,784	7,901	9,809,780	9,177	8,848,441	9,114	15,470,962
Natural Gas	TON	20,176,813	523,664,504	21,544,664	738,878,610	24,416,607	684,667,281	25,054,872	583,289,424	23,417,029	1,005,206,968
Nickel Ores & Conc.	TON	--	--	++	169	++	204	37	6,404	106	16,165
Niobium Or Tantalum Ores & Conc.	TON	185	228,699	156	264,455	16	21,764	2	489	2	488
Ochre	TON	58	14,580	38	11,796	188	35,754	391	82,224	648	149,495
Other Minerals Nes	TON	536,327	2,082,743	683,347	2,821,858	641,544	2,995,670	544,580	2,325,905	678,649	4,316,773
Petroleum (crude)	THT	218,104	5,630,977,106	226,452	7,981,583,190	220,869	7,281,122,511	188,182	4,396,561,618	220,034	9,139,168,005
Precious & Semi-precious Stones (cut & Uncut):total		289,748	46,165,230	729,376	48,292,001	626,253	41,191,154	434,627	47,935,435	387,946	128,825,205
Precious Metal Ores & Concentrates	KG	15,298	3,363,976	201	159	273	736	10,743	48,509	799,178	2,376,644
Quartz And Quartzite	TON	976	22,059	1,662	54,632	1,155	40,682	1,098	50,333	7,792	211,384
Rock Phosphate	TON	7,702,634	45,457,006	7,519,155	56,379,205	7,654,867	54,205,952	7,781,423	53,709,109	9,659,818	104,667,349
Salt (Other Than Common Salt)	TON	67,555	291,750	78,712	472,879	65,263	466,170	98,042	645,494	69,549	512,396
Sand (excl. Metal Bearing)	TON	361,956	530,106	390,328	843,983	198,862	502,131	57,812	400,291	5,121	348,319
Sandstone	TON	203	4,161	48	973	28	693	16	480	130	2,691
Silica Sand	TON	130,184	475,197	60,896	400,142	21,392	218,841	21,356	238,740	57,095	527,973
Sillimanite	TON	17	1,028	99	2,403	609	10,781	606	11,571	801	13,972
Slate	TON	138	9,621	225	6,867	111	3,818	49	3,784	109	5,741
Steatite	TON	4,546	249,142	7,028	324,573	5,809	325,939	5,332	344,649	9,978	407,255
Sulphur (exc. Sublimed Precipitated & Colloidal)	TON	1,206,432	10,628,791	1,346,775	15,219,696	1,235,102	8,239,656	1,463,291	10,948,268	1,895,211	35,362,092
Tin Ores & Conc.	TON	57	56,979	6	1,259	++	206	2	899	++	299
Titanium Ores & Conc.	TON	163,690	3,297,466	97,307	3,013,231	138,042	3,965,292	78,747	3,440,562	111,653	5,292,058
Tripoli Earth	TON	++	8	8	238	19	1,116	--	--	19	1,174
Tungsten Ores & Conc.	TON	350	23,609	461	64,520	447	69,234	121	9,104	151	14,800
Vanadium Ores & Conc.	TON	491	89,745	2,658	451,825	7,006	349,104	999	77,967	5,869	436,744
Vermiculite	TON	321	7,415	610	16,154	416	11,024	696	17,234	1,096	25,520
Witherite	TON	--	--	++	96	7	263	++	10	--	--
Wollastonite	TON	11,461	156,397	26,483	331,612	22,616	294,800	24,049	370,375	30,625	675,667
Zinc Ores & Conc.	TON	--	--	1,422	38,776	101	2,667	804	9,530	720	24,772
Zirconium Ores & Conc.	TON	83,781	6,202,746	76,077	8,084,381	56,166	6,073,420	68,675	6,993,378	94,839	11,260,337
Grand Total		**	10,285,285,816	**	12,991,864,206	**	11,515,303,006	**	7,913,202,918	**	15,513,800,326

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata;

P: Provisional; **: Not additive;

++: Negligible;

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Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (d) of LS USQ No. 2462 answered on 15.03.2023 regarding 'IMPORT OF MINERALS'

Details of Mining Leases granted in Bundelkhand region during last five years

State	District	Mineral	Name of Mine	Name of Lessee	Total Lease Area (in Ha)	Date of Grant	Date of Expiry
Madhya Pradesh	Damoh	Stibnite/ Antimony	Chauraiya Stibnite/ Antimony	Sharda Minerals Works	40.47	11-Jan-17	10-Jan-67
	Panna	Limestone	Amanganj Limestone Mine	Eco Cements Limited	1793.59	17-Oct-19	16-Oct-69
	Panna	Limestone	Koni-Simariya Limestone Mine	Jay kay Cem (Central) Ltd.	3095.23	02-Dec-20	01-Dec-70

Source: List of mines maintained by Indian Bureau Mines as on 01.04.2022.