

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MINERAL BASED UNITS IN ORISSA
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast scope to promote mineral based units in Orissa particularly in Keonjhar district of the State;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the plan drawn up to set up new mineral based units in Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundargarh districts of the State during the Ninth Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

- (a) Orissa is a mineral rich State and a number of important minerals such as bauxite, chromite, dolomite, fire clay, graphite, limestone, silver ore, vanadium ore, etc. are found in the State. There is, therefore, a vast scope for setting up of mineral based units in Orissa.
- (b) Under the liberalised industrial policy followed since 1991, the entrepreneurs can freely set up any mineral based industry. As per available information, there are mineral based industries including aluminium, cement, ceramic, refractory, sponge iron, etc. in the State of Orissa. The State Government has stated that no proposal for setting up new mineral based industries have been received either from the public sector or from the private sector in Keonjhar district during last three years.
- (c) The Ninth Plan proposals do not involve disaggregated plans for setting up any mineral based industry in the districts of any State.