

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MINES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Iron/Manganese and Ferrochrome Mines in Orissa at present, location-wise;
- (b) the details of mines given on lease to the public sector/private sector companies;
- (c) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production in the mines run by Public Sector as compared to Private Sector mines;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to increase the production of minerals by the public sector run mines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b): As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) a subordinate office under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines, during 2002-2003 the total number of reporting mines for iron ore was 75 (Keonjhar-46, Mayurbhanj-8, Sundargarh-21), for manganese ore 42 (Keonjhar-24, Sundargarh-18) and for chromite 17 (Dhenkanal-2, Jajpur-12, Keonjhar-3) in Orissa. The details of lease granted in the State of Orissa to public and private sector companies are as under:-

Mineral	Public Sector	Private Sector
Iron Ore	18	57
Manganese Ore	8	34
Chromite	6	11

(c) to (e): There was no sharp decline in production of iron ore, manganese ore and chromite in public sector in Orissa compared to private sector during 2002-03 vis-À-vis 2001-02.