

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF IMPORTED MINERALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of minerals which are presently imported from various countries; and
- (b) if so, the details of minerals presently imported and the proposed increase of the production of those minerals ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The minerals mainly imported into India are antimony, molybdenum, nickel, the platinum group of metals, tin, tungsten, potash, native sulphur, base metals, certain grades of graphite, noble metals, precious stones, rock phosphate, asbestos, boron minerals (borax), rough diamond, fluorite, magnesite etc. The exploration and exploitation of all non fuel non atomic minerals have been thrown open to private investment and the increase in production of these minerals will depend upon their availability and exploitation being economically viable.