

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES AND MINERALS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3508  
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2000  
SPECIAL MINING PROJECTS FOR HILLY AREAS  
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

**Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce a special mining project for hilly area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether unexpected metals, minerals and many other resources have been found in and around the Jawahar tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not introducing such a project to explore the hidden wealth in the country; and
- (e) the details of new mines found in the country during the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND MINES ( SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

- (a): No, Sir,
- (b): Does not arise, in view of (a) above.
- (c) No significant metal deposits have been found around the Jawahar Tunnel. However, to the north of the Jawahar Tunnel, reserves of limestone have been found at Verinag area and to the south of the Jawahar Tunnel, reserves of Gypsum have been found in Ramban area.
- (d): Since no metal deposit of economic significance has been found, the question of mining of metal deposits does not arise. The gypsum and limestone deposits around the Jawahar Tunnel are being exploited by State public sector and private companies.
- (e): As per information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, details of mines opened during the last three years state-wise upto 31.3.2000 are given in Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

Annexure referred in reply to part(e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3508 for 14th August, 2000 regarding Special Mining Projects for Hilly Areas

**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF MINES OPENED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS UPTO 31.3.2000**

Sl.No. Name of the State No. of Mines

1.	Andhra Pradesh	66
2.	Bihar	2
3.	Goa	1
4.	Gujarat	21
5.	Karnataka	8
6.	Kerala	13
7.	Madhya Pradesh	24
8.	Maharashtra	3
9.	Orissa	8
10.	Rajasthan	12
11.	Tamil Nadu	33
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2

TOTAL : 193

