

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2428  
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2004  
SPECIAL SCHEME FOR GRANITE EXCAVATION  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any special scheme for excavation of granite and improving the mining activities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) the reserves of granite in the country, location-wise;
- (d) the quantity of granite exported during the last three years, year wise;
- (e) whether the export of granite has been severely affected recently;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor, and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)& (b): Granite is a minor mineral defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) and as per Section 15 of the MMDR Act, 1957, all powers to make rules and grant mineral concessions for minor minerals have been given to the concerned State Government.

As per Section 18 of the MMDR Act, 1957, it has been enjoined upon the Central Government to take all necessary steps for the conservation and systematic development of minerals. In term of this section, the Central Government has notified the Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999 on 1st June, 1999, to conserve the granite resources and to prescribe a uniform frame work with regard to systematic and scientific exploitation of granite throughout the country.

The Central Government has also constituted a Granite Development Council (GDC) under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) having representation from the Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments and Industry to discuss issues raised by granite industry from time to time and their amicable redressal.

(c) As per the mineral inventory maintained by Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office under the administrative control of this Department, reserves of granite as on 1-4-2000 are as follows:

State	(in '000 cu.m.)
Andhra Pradesh	2787540
Assam	583950
Bihar	877612
Chattisgarh	50057
Gujarat	419547
Haryana	34000
Jharkhand	8847364
Karantaka	9740066
Kerala	3838
Madhya Pradesh	6270980
Maharasthra	1158847
Meghalaya	286467
Orissa	2134838
Rajasthan	8479408
Tamil Nadu	713299
Uttar Pradresh	494819
West Bengal	33426

All India Total 42916058

(d) to (g): As per information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines, the year-wise quantity of export of granite during the year 2000-01,2001-02 and 2002-03 is as follows:-

Year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Quantity (in tonnes)	1582170	1673862	2183570

The export of granite has increased in past few years.