

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:580
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MINING IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of precious and semi-precious stone in Orissa leased out to the private sector foreign companies;
- (b) the term and conditions laid down for leasing out these mines;
- (c) the manner in which the State of Orissa is benefited by leasing out the precious and semi-precious stone mines in the State;
- (d) whether some high grade bauxite deposit areas have been found in Keonjhar and Sundargarh Districts in Orissa;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the expected quantum of bauxite deposited in the areas?

Answer

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

- (a): No mines for precious and semi-precious stones have been leased out to the private sector foreign companies in Orissa.
- (b)&(c): Chemical and refractory grade bauxites are considered high grade bauxites. Such high grade bauxites have not been found in Keonjhar and Sundargarh districts.
- (e): Does not arise in view of the answer at (d) above.
- (f): The reserves of bauxite found in Keonjhar district are unclassified. A reserve of 5 million tonnes are placed under this category. In Sundargarh district, the reserves of bauxite are metallurgical grade and total reserves are estimated to be around 4 million tonnes.