

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

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PRODUCTION OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) The quantum of minerals produced during each of the last three years, State-wise ;
- (b) Whether there has been an increase/decrease in the production of minerals during the current year ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The steps taken by the Government to increase the production of minerals ?

Answer

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

- (a) : The state-wise value of mineral production during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 is given at Annexure.
- (b)& (c): The index of mineral production (base year 1993-94 = 100) for the year 2003-04 was 147.00 (Provisional) as compared to 140.56 for the year 2002-03 showing a growth of 4.6%.
- (d): To encourage production in mining sector, exploration and exploitation of all non- fuel and non-atomic minerals have been thrown open to private investment as per National Mineral Policy, 1993. All efforts are being made to increase investment in mining sector by creating investment friendly climate and removing bottlenecks to attract such investment .