

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to simplify the mining policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the delay in finalising the National Mineral Policy is holding back foreign steel players from announcing their strategy;
- (d) if so, whether the mineral rich States want a say in the new mineral policy; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to reduce the time period in granting the mining lease to steel industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a)&(b) A new National Mineral Policy is under consideration of the Central Government.

(c) The existing National Mineral Policy does not impede steel players from announcing their strategy.

(d)&(e) The State Governments have been consulted. The new National Mineral Policy under consideration of Government has addressed the issue of reducing delays in grant of mining lease.