

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2008
LIME STONE MINERAL
Oram Shri Jual

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the discovery of huge new deposit of lime stone in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, Union Territory wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to exploit the Lime Stone in these States;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up lime stone based industries in these States; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 170 REGARDING LIME STONE MINERAL ASKED BY SHRI JUAL ORAM FOR ANSWER ON 11TH MARCH, 2008.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. During the period 2002-03 to 2006-07, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered a large deposit of limestone in the State of Meghalaya and a smaller deposit has also been discovered in the State of Tamil Nadu. 1870.08 million tonnes of limestone from Meghalaya and 47.38 million tonnes of limestone from Tamil Nadu has been discovered.

(c) to (e) : Limestone has a large number of uses which are determined on the basis of grade and location. Limestone mining leases are granted by State Governments and the mineral is either extracted for captive use mainly by cement industries, or is sold to the user industries such as steel, paper, fertilizer, sugar etc., by the mining lessees.