

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3363  
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2008  
FOREST LAND FOR MINING ACTIVITIES  
Bhai Lal Shri

**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has leased out the forest land for mining activities;
- (b) if so, the details of the total area of forest land leased out for mining alongwith the terms and conditions in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether the mining agencies are following the terms and conditions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES(SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (e): States are the owners of minerals and mining leases are granted by the State Governments. The State Governments lease out the forest land for mining activities. The State- wise details of the total area of forest land leased out for mining as per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines is given in the Annexure. The terms and conditions in this regard are governed by the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest (Conservation) Rules, 1981 which are to be complied by all mining lessees carrying out their operations in forest land.

**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3363 FOR 15.04.2008 ASKED BY SHRI BHAILAL REGARDING FOREST LAND FOR MINING ACTIVITIES**

Sl.No. Name of the State Total Forest land leased out for existing working & non-working mines as on 1.4.2007 (in hectares)

1.	Andhra Pradesh	2312.546
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
3.	Assam	268.00
4.	Goa	22586.33
5.	Bihar	12837
6.	Jharkhand	
7.	Gujarat	1905.783
8.	Punjab	Nil
9.	Delhi	Nil
10.	Haryana	Nil
11.	Rajasthan	28373.0232
12.	Karnataka	32931.798
13.	Kerala	247.55
14.	Maharashtra	7645.63
15.	Orissa	40536.854
16.	Chhattisgarh	6791.332
17.	Madhya Pradesh	685.357
18.	Uttar Pradesh	79.130
19.	Tamil Nadu	471.29
20.	Uttarakhand	236.718
21.	Himachal Pradesh	744.3632
22.	Meghalaya	100.00
23.	Sikkim	1.80
24.	West Bengal	Nil
25.	Tripura	Nil
26.	Mizoram	Nil

27. Manipur Nil
28. Jammu and Kashmir Not Available

Disaggregated figures not available.