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IMPACT OF MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM) has facilitated to minimise the adverse impact of mining on the environment by conducting region-wise assessment;
- (b) if so, the details of the activities undertaken in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the details of the findings made by IBM in this regard and the action taken thereon? ANSWER

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a & b): Apart from regular annual inspections of mines in the country, the Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM) has conducted region-wise Environmental Assessment studies as follows:

- (i) Studies on iron ore mining cluster in South Goa, and chromite mining cluster in Sukhinda valley, Orissa, under an Indo-BRGM collaborative project.
- (ii) Study on pollution in asbestos mines of Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh under S&T scheme.
- (iii) Project on attenuation Hexavalent chromium in Sukhinda valley, Orissa under S&T Scheme

Out of these, the study mentioned in item

(iii) above was completed in last three years . No study is underway in Indian Bureau of Mines in the current year.

(c): The studies in South Goa and Sukhinda valley, Orissa, indicated high value of SPM, noise pollution, few other concerns on environmental parameters. The Indian Bureau of Mines has directed the mine owners to take suitable mitigation measures.