

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3112  
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PERFORMANCE OF IBM  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has been regularly reviewing the performance of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of mines inspected, mining plans cleared/ rejected during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh, separately
- (d) the number of mineralogical studies conducted during the said period, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the findings of such study?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government reviews the performance of IBM through quarterly performance review meeting. Details on number of mines inspected, mining plans cleared/ rejected during each of the last three years and the current year, State-Wise including Andhra Pradesh, separately are furnished at Annexure-I&II

(d): The State-wise number of mineralogical studies conducted during the period 2006 to 2010 (upto February) including Andhra Pradesh are given below:-

Name of State    2006-07    2007-08    2008-09    2009-10 (upto Feb. 2010)

Andhra Pradesh    12            63    09            42

Chattisgarh    29            8    18            7

Goa    78    113    104            62

Gujarat    109            71    154            167

Jharkhand    98            34    45            99

Karnataka    310            288    377            367

Madhya Pradesh    205            77    92            29

Maharashtra    152            203    306            339

Orissa    124            99    148            110

Rajasthan    687            900    634            401

Tamil Nadu    315            334    100                            144

West Bengal	107	34	78	117
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Others	183	166	301	339
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Total	2409	2390	2366	2223
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(e): The finding of mineralogical studies indicate the identification of various valuable minerals as well as associated gangue minerals present in the lean grade ore/sub grade ore and their quantitative distribution. The study also indicates the liberation size of valuable minerals from gangue minerals and nature of their physical characteristic to evolve a process flow sheet for their beneficiation.