

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2312  
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TRANSPORTATION OF ORE  
Kalmadi Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the mining sector has been hit by the global downturn;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to press into service the indigenous fleet for transporting ore from West to East coast; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): As per available information the growth rate in Mining Sector in 2008-09 was 2.58% as compared to 4.76% in the previous year.
- (c) & (d): No proposal has been mooted by the Ministry of Mines to involve indigenous fleet for transporting ore from West to East.