

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1205  
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STATE MINING REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Deora Shri Milind Murl;Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a State Mining Regulatory Authority to cover minor minerals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its objectives and functions;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promote small scale mining;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrued to the mining sector from such measures?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. The proposal is presently under consideration of Group of Ministers (GoM). Till a final decision is taken, it is not possible to give the specific details.