

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF MICA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of Mica produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
(b) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to increase the production of Mica in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) The quantum of Mica produced in the country during last three years and the current year, state wise is as under:-

Quantity (in tonnes)					
Mineral Grades	State	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	(P)	(Aug'10)	(P)		
Mica	Quan-	Quan-	Quan-	Quan-	
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Crude	Andhra Pradesh	2396.485	1436.434	1210.569	445.357
Mica	Rajasthan	2181.35	26	1.95	11.27
Total		4577.835	1462.434	1212.519	456.627

Waste/	Andhra Pradesh	2714.695	4297.268	4297.78	1765.736
scrap	Rajasthan	790.17	1387.51	3701.204	992.54
Mica Total		3504.865	5684.778	7998.984	2758.276
Total		8082.7	7147.212	9211.503	3214.903

(P) : provisional

(b): Mining of minerals is dependent on the market demand for a particular mineral. In terms of the Report of working Group on Mineral Exploration and Development for the Xlth Five year Plan in the Planning Commission, Government of India, it was held that world demand for sheet mica is expected to decline. However the report projected that the world market conditions are favorable for fabricated and value added mica based products such as mica paper, micanite sheets and mica based paper. Ministry of Mines has taken an initiative to evolve techno economic policy options to address the technology and management gaps for minerals, including mica.