

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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NEW MINERAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the mineral rich States have submitted a Memorandum recently to the Union Government listing a number of suggestions to be included in the new mineral policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) :The National Mineral Policy has already been announced on 13.3.2008. The National Mineral Policy 2008 has been tabled in both Houses of the Parliament and is available on the website of the Ministry of Mines (<http://mines.nic.in>). Proposals to give legislative effect to certain provision of the policy are under consideration. In this regard, few State Governments have submitted representation to the Government suggesting changes in the proposed legislation. These are being considered by the Government. Further details will be available once the proposed legislation is finalized.