

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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QUANTITY OF MINERAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of minerals produced and utilised for domestic purposes and exported in the country, mineral-wise;
- (b) the details of the estimated quantity of different minerals produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and quantity-wise; and
- (c) whether the estimated mineral reserves are adequate to meet the demand and supply in future taking into account the present consumption and export scenarios in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As per information available with the Indian Bureau of Mines, the details of:
- (i) major minerals produced in the country during each of last three years and the current year are given in Annexure I
 - (ii) mineral-wise domestic consumption are given in Annexure-II,
 - (iii) export are given in Annexure-III.
- (c): India continued to be wholly or largely self-sufficient in minerals which are primarily raw materials to industries. Despite high degree of self-sufficiency in minerals, some quantities of flaky and amorphous graphite of high fixed carbon, kaolin and ballclay for special applications, very low silica limestone, dead-burnt magnesite and sea water magnesia, battery grade manganese dioxide, etc. were imported to meet the demand for either blending with locally available mineral raw materials and /or for manufacturing special qualities of mineral-based products. To meet the increasing demand of uncut diamonds, emerald and other precious and semiprecious stones by the domestic cutting and polishing industry, India continued to depend on imports of raw uncut stones for their value-added re-exports.