

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MANGANESE DEPOSIT

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total deposits of chromite, dolomite, Manganese in public and private sectors;
- (b) the percentage of mines allotted to private companies;
- (c) whether manganese deposit are abundant in the country including Karnataka;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the details of revenue being generated therefrom, State-wise; and
- (f) the criteria for granting lease of manganese deposit?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, the No. of deposits and leases of chromite, dolomite, Manganese are given below:-

Name of Mineral No. of Deposits (as on 1.4.2005) Percentage of mines in			
	Public	Private	Private Sector
Chromite	17	12	61%
Dolomite	19	396	94%
Manganese	28	318	85%

(c)&(d): As per available information, the country has a total of 37.85 million tonnes Manganese ore resources. State-wise information on reserves/resources of minerals is given in the Indian Minerals Year Book, published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which is supplied to the Parliament Library on regular basis.

(e): The State Governments collect royalty as the owners of minerals. For this reason, the information on total revenue generated from manganese ore is not centrally maintained.

(f): The State Government as the owner of minerals grant mining leases for mineral manganese ore in terms of the criteria given in the Mines and Minerals(Development and Regulation)Act,1957 (MMDR Act), Mineral Concession Rules,1960 and Mineral Policy. Since, mineral manganese is included in the First Schedule of the MMDR Act, prior permission of Central Government is mandatory.