

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONALISATION OF MINES

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to nationalise mines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The mining sector was liberalised with the enunciation of the National Mineral Policy-1993, which allowed private sector investment in mining. There is no change in this policy approach in the current National Mineral Policy enunciated in 2008. The National Mineral Policy 2008 is available on website of Ministry of Mines (<http://www.mines.gov.in>).