

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF CHIRIA MINES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced a plan to develop Chiria mines in Jharkhand to boost its capacity; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has already initiated the process for development of 7 million tonnes per annum capacity mechanized mine with state-of-the-art technology. M/s. Hatch Associates of Australia, a consultant of global repute, has been appointed for preparation of Detailed Project Execution Report. Approval of mining plan has been obtained. Forest clearance (Stage-I) for about 595 hectares has been granted by Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) on 7.3.2011 with stipulated conditions. Expert Appraisal Committee of MoEF has recommended for Environment Clearance.

As per conditions stipulated in the Stage-I Forest Clearance, only mining and crushing upto secondary stage will be carried out at Chiria mine. Balance activities like processing plant, loading plant, township and other infrastructure facilities will be carried out outside the forest area. Construction and development activities would follow after grant of all the statutory clearances.