

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3002

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PRODUCTION REQUIREMENT AND CONSUMPTION OF MINERAL ORES

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production, requirement and consumption of various mineral ores in the country, both in Government/public and private sector, during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and mineral-wise;
- (b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the production to meet the requirement of mineral ores in the country;
- (c) whether there is any restriction imposed by the Union Government to take over private sector mines into public sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Details are given in Annexure.

(b): The Government has approved the National Mineral Policy, 2008, on 13th March, 2008. The new Policy enunciates policy measures like assured right to next stage mineral concession, transferability of mineral concessions and transparency in allotment of concessions, in order to reduce delays which are seen as impediments to investment and technology flow in the mining sector in India. The Mining policy also seeks to develop a sustainable framework for optimum utilisation of the country's natural mineral resources for the industrial growth in the country and at the same time improving the life of people living in the mining areas, which are generally located in the backward and tribal regions of the country. The Government of India has on 12.10.2009 circulated a Model State Mineral Policy to all State Governments to help give effect to the National Mineral Policy which lays specific emphasis on Policy on mining in tribal areas, Stakeholders participation, Rehabilitation & Resettlement etc. The State Governments have been requested to consider adopting the policy. These provisions would lead to optimal mining in a scientific and efficient manner. Recently Geological Survey of India is undertaking hyperspectral mapping using satellite and aerial platform as modern tool to strengthen the search of minerals in the country.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.