

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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LIFTING OF DOLOMITE AND LIMESTONE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Raw Material Division (RMD) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) entered into a tripartite agreement with Bhawanthpur Lime Stone Mines situated in Garhwa district (Jharkhand) in 2002 to lift seven rakes of dolomite and four rakes of limestone every month for the industries of SAIL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the SAIL has also purchases aforesaid materials from private mine owners during this period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

- (a) No, Madam. As informed by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), there is no such tripartite agreement entered into during 2002.
- (b) However, a meeting was taken by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand with various officials in which it was decided to continue operations at the captive mines of SAIL located at Bhawnathpur and Tulsidamar for feeding requirement of SAIL plants.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Madam. Average requirement of limestone of SAIL plants is about 3 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) and dolomite is about 3.5 MTPA. As the captive mines of SAIL are not able to cater to quantity and quality requirement of SAIL plants, some quantities of low silica limestone and dolomite are procured both from Government companies as well as from private parties through tender.