

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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REVIEW OF NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the National Mineral Policy (NMP), 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for production of various minerals;
- (d) the details of targets fixed and achievement made in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve targets fixed in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)and(b): No, Madam. However a new Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2011 has been approved by Cabinet on 30th September, 2011 for introduction in the Parliament.

(c)to(e): No, Madam. With the liberalization of mineral sector since 1993 which led to public private sector participation, mineral production depends broadly on-availability of mineral resources, economic viability, demand of market etc. However, in order to incentivise and encourage exploration and mining activities, the Government has enunciated National Mineral Policy, 2008 for non-coal and non-fuel mineral sector.