

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5956

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PROCUREMENT OF MINERALS

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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government for procurement of minerals through Government agencies from the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Madam. The mining sector has been liberalized since the year 1993 and consumption of minerals is largely determined by global demand and supply for the minerals. Therefore there is no proposal of the Government for procurement of minerals through Government agencies from the States.

(b) Does not arises in view of (a) above.