

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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HINDERANCE IN GROWTH OF MINING INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries has informed that certain foreign institution are causing hinderance in the growth path of country;
- (b) if so, whether the allegation that many Government Institutions are aiding and abetting those foreign institutions in fulfilling their objective has also been levelled;
- (c) if so, the names of persons/ institutions against whom allegations have been levelled alongwith the details of allegations;
- (d) whether the facts related to these allegations have come to light;
- (e) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details of the inquiry report;and
- (f) the action taken by the Government on the basis of said inquiry report?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) has referred to a project paper sponsored by the Rockefeller Family Fund under the title "Stopping the Australian Coal Export Boom-Funding proposal for the Australian anti-coal movement", which states that there are plans by Indian and Chinese companies to start exports from Victoria and Western Australia, and if the coal industry in Australia expands unchecked, it will undermine efforts to curtail coal export from the US and will ensure coal supplies for a new coal power stations in India. It has apprehended similar moves by vested interest behind denial of environmental clearance to Niyamgiri Bauxite Mining Project and POSCO Project in Odisha

(d) to (f): The allegations of FIMI is being referred to appropriate authorities for taking necessary action.