

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR MINING SECTOR

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Research and Development projects sanctioned by the Government for development of mining sector and funds allocated/ released thereunder during the last three years;

(b) the present status of sanctioned projects; and

(c) the steps/ measures taken by the Government for their early completion?

Answer

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

(a): The details of Research and Development projects sanctioned for development of mining sector and funds allocated / released during the last three years i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as under - [Rs. in lakhs]

Year	Provision	Funds Released	No. of Projects
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2009-10	300.00	167.82	12
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2010-11	300.00	300.00	18
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2011-12	300.00	267.22	18
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The detailed project-wise information for the last three years is given in Annexure I.

(b): The present status of sanctioned projects during the current year i.e. 2012-13 are given in Annexure-II.

(c): For early completion of the Science and Technology projects and monitoring of progress, following two Committees have been constituted for speedy sanction and evaluation of the projects.

A. The Standing Scientific Advisory Group (SSAG) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Mines). The SSAG :-

i) finalizes the project proposals recommended by PERC.

ii) considers recommendations of PERC on promotion of R&D for the mineral sector.

iii) considers R&D issues relating to acquisition of technology assets in relation to mineral and mining sector.

iv) considers strategies for coordination and strengthening of research organizations in the sector and for their better coordination.

v) considers HR development strategies for the sector to promote R&D.

B. The Project Evaluation & Review Committee (PERC) [constituted to assist the SSAG] under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Mines). The PERC :-

1. advises the Ministry of Mines on project proposals so as to advance the objectives of R&D recorded in the National Mineral Policy,

2008.

2. evaluates/ appraises S&T project proposals before consideration of SSAG.

3. reviews and monitors progress of projects periodically.

4. reviews nearing completion/recently completed projects as regards targeted deliverables before considering release of last installment of the grant-in-aid.

5. identifies potential area for applied R&D in furtherance of the National Mineral Policy. periodically review status of follow up on completed projects in terms of follow on projects or industry applications.