

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) has conducted Environmental Assessment Studies;
- (b) if so, the details of region-wise studies conducted by IBM during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of concern on environmental parameters; and the action taken by the IBM against guilty party/person in this regard so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): During the last three years and current year, the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) has not carried out any Environmental Assessment Studies. However, IBM during the routine inspection of mines carried out for implementation of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 1988, monitors the environmental aspects of mining areas including parameters like protection of environment, removal and utilization top soil, storage of ore burden waste rock etc., reclamation and rehabilitation of land, precautions against ground vibrations, control of surface subsidence, precaution against the air pollution, discharge of toxic liquid, precautions against noise permissible limits and standards, restoration of flora etc. Any non-compliance or violations are pointed to the respective mining leaseholders. The details of environment related violations observed during inspection and action taken during the last three years is as follows:

Year	No. of Rules where violations	No. of Rules where launched	Prosecution case out	issued	complied
2009-10	40	29	15	2	3
2010-11	79	28	29	20	0
2011-12	85	24	20	7	2