

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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BAUXITE PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the latest data available from Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM), bauxite production in the country has come down drastically;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is not even a single bauxite mine found/opened in the country, particularly in bauxite rich East Coast region, during the last three decades;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. As per available information, the productions of bauxite in the year 2010-11 was 12.64 million tonnes and in the year 2011-12 it was 12.88 million tonnes.

(c) to (e): As per available information, mining for bauxite is being undertaken in East Coast region in State of Odisha, where the total production in the year 2011-12 was 5.04 million tonnes. There is no mining of bauxite in the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, 13 proposals for grant of mining lease for bauxite in Visakhapatanam District, Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. APMDC Ltd. was returned back to Government of Andhra Pradesh taking into account the concerns expressed by the local people relating to environment and ecology.