

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF MINING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being taken by Government for the growth and development of mining sector in the country;
- (b) whether the Mineral Advisory Council (MAC) in its meeting held recently in New Delhi has recommended measures for further development and growth of mining sector in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of the issues discussed therein; and
- (d) the reaction of Government on the recommendations of MAC?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government has enunciated National Mineral Policy, 2008, which lays down policy decision for measures to streamline and simplify the procedures for grant of mineral concessions, develop a sustainable framework for optimum utilization of the country's natural mineral resources for the industrial growth in the country and at the same time improving the life of people living in the mining areas which are generally located in the backward and tribal regions of the country. These policy measures for growth and development of mining sector in the country have been suitably incorporated in the draft Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill (MMDR Bill), 2011, which has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 12.12.2011, and referred to the Standing Committee on Coal and Steel by the Lok Sabha on 5.1.2012.
- (b) and (c): No meeting of the Mineral Advisory Council has been held recently in New Delhi.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.