

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1377  
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2012  
DEFINITION ON MINOR MINERALS  
Hooda Shri Deepender Singh

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to consider deletion of ordinary earth from the definition of `minor minerals` in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the decision will be taken in the matter?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a): At present the Government does not have any proposal for deletion of ordinary earth from the definition of 'minor minerals' in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- (b) and (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.