GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:781 ANSWERED ON:01.03.2013 GRANITE MINING Mitra Shri Somendra Nath

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special plan to improve and monitor mining and extraction of granite;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total stock of Granite in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) the quantum of Granite exported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) whether the export of Granite has been affected in the recent times;

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (b): Granite is a minor mineral defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) and as per Section 15 of the MMDR Act, 1957, all powers to make rules and grant mineral concessions for minor minerals have been given to the concerned State Government. The Central Government has notified the Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999 on 1st June, 1999 to conserve the granite resources and to prescribe a uniform frame work with regard to systematic and scientific exploitation of granite through out the country.

(c): As per available information, reserve/resources detail of granite as on 1.04.2010 is annexed.

(d): Exports of Granite have increased. The quantity of exported during the last three years is given below:

(Quantity in Tonnes)

2009-10 2010-11 2011-12(P) 2012-13 (Upto Nov.)

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Granite 3827668 4500060 4605078 3836250
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Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (P): Provisional (e) to (g): Does not arise in view of (d) above.

ANNEXURE TO THE REPLY GIVEN TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 781 FOR REPLY ON 1.03.2013.

(Unit: '000Cum)

All India 46230300		
Andhra Pradesh 2405890		
Assam 583950		
Bihar 877612		
Chhattisgarh 50057		
Gujarat 8501947		
Haryana 34000		
Jharkhand 8875340		
Karnataka 9337893		
Kerala 2808		
Madhya Pradesh 1994084		
Maharashtra 1158847		
Meghalya 286467		
Odishaa 1843060		
Rajasthan 9190665		
Tamil Nadu 559435		
Uttar Pradesh 494819		

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West Bengal 33426