

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:377
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2013
ENFORCEMENT WING OF IBM
Panda Shri Baijayant

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the role assigned to the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), particularly in the matter of exploration of mineral resources and checking of illegal mining;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up an enforcement wing of the IBM; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the procedure for the appointment of the Controller of Mines (Enforcement)?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 377 FOR ANSWER ON 22.03.2013 REGARDING ENFORCEMENT WING OF IBM ASKED BY SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA

(a) The role of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) inter-alia is to supervise systematic and scientific development of mineral resources, conservation of minerals and protection of mining environment. The IBM supervises the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 1988 in all minerals except fuel, atomic and minor minerals. The IBM supervises mining operations carried out as per the approved Mining Plan, Schemes of Mining and Mine Closure Plan within the mining lease area. Any activities of illegal mining which come to the notice of IBM is referred to the concerned State Government for taking necessary action. Under Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957, is empowered to make rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals and for the purposes connected therewith. The IBM does not undertake exploration of mineral resources.

(b) to (c) Yes Madam, in terms of the policy directions given in the National Mineral Policy 2008, the Government constituted a Committee for review and restructuring of the functions and the role of Indian Bureau of Mines in 2009. The Committee submitted its report to the Government in May, 2012. The Committee, inter-alia has recommended setting up of an Enforcement Wing in the Mines Control and Conservation of Minerals (MCCM) division of IBM, headed by the Controller of Mines (Enforcement). The recommendations are being considered.