

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3227  
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CLOSURE OF MINES  
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

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

- (a) whether the number of mines of public sector companies like Steel Authority of India Ltd., National Aluminium Company Ltd., Orissa Minerals Development Company, Bisra Stone and Lime Quarry are lying closed for want of environmental clearance;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether any time-limit for obtaining clearance in regard to mines has been set; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) and (b): As per available information, details of mines of public sector which are closed for want of Environment Clearance is Annexed.
- (c) to (d): Environment Clearance for project or activities listed in the schedule to the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006, including mining of minerals, is granted as per the statutory provisions under the notification which also prescribes time-limit for the process.