

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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ROYALTY RATE OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing rate of royalty in respect of various minerals and the year of its last revision;
- (b) the details of royalty, dead rent and other taxes collected by the State Governments for various minerals from mining companies or mining lease holders during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the recommendations made by the Study Group, set up for review and revision of rates of royalty and dead rent for minerals have since been considered by the Union Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the recommendations accepted by the Union Government;
- (e) whether the Union Government also proposes to confer the power of revision of royalty rates of minerals to the concerned States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): The existing rates of royalty in respect of major minerals (excluding coal, lignite and sand for stowing) were last revised vide gazette notification number G.S.R. 574(E) dated 13.8.2009. The rates of royalty in respect of Coal including Lignite were revised vide notification number G.S.R. 349 (E), dated the 10th May, 2012 by the Ministry of Coal. The rates of royalty in respect of Sand for Stowing were revised vide notification number G.S.R. 214(E) dated the 11th April, 1997 by the Ministry of Coal. The existing rates of royalty are given at Annexure – I.

(b): Details of royalty collected by the State Governments for major minerals are given in Annexure – II. Data on collection by State Governments on dead rent on minerals, royalty on minor minerals, and other taxes on mining and minerals like cess, stamp duty, land tax etc. are not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d): The Government set up a Study Group on 13.9.2011 for review and revision of rates of royalty and dead rent for major minerals (other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing). The Study Group submitted its report on 28.6.2013 which is under consideration.

(e): No.

(f): Does not arise in view of (e) above.