

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MINING LEASE TO LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mineral Policy, 2008 mandates small scale mining;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to allot small lease for mining labourers;
- (c) if so, the name of the scheme under which mining labourers are being allotted mining lease; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d) The National Mineral Policy, 2008 enunciates promotion of small-scale mining of small and isolated deposits, Central Government has initiated the process in terms of National Mineral Policy, 2008. There is no proposal to grant small mining lease to mining labourers.