

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MINING LEASE FOR MAJOR MINERALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to fix the minimum extent of area for obtaining mining lease for major minerals; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Based on the National Mineral Policy, 2008 which enunciates that the areas of operations shall be suitably rationalised in the interest of scientific mining and at the same time ensuring time bound survey and exploration, the Government has drafted legislative changes which are available on the website of the Ministry of Mines (<http://mines.gov.in>)