

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BAUXITE MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Bauxite mines operating in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the time by which bauxite reserves from the existing mines are likely to last;
- (c) the name of the States selected for bauxite mining in the coming years;
- (d) the name of the States where mining activities is likely to commence, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of progress made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) As per available information, the State-wise reporting mines of Bauxite during 2008-09 are as under:

State No. of Mines

Chhattisgarh 12

Goa 02

Gujarat 99

Jharkhand 33

Karnataka 02

Madhya Pradesh 21

Maharashtra 13

Orissa 04

Tamilnadu 03

Total 189

- (b) Based on the current level of production, the life index of bauxite resources is estimated at 142 years. However, the resources are dynamic and are dependent on further exploration and development of technology to use low grades ores.

(c)to(e): Mining of minerals depends broadly on availability of mineral resources, economic viability, demand of the market etc. Under the liberalised economic environment, investment decisions are taken by the entrepreneurs based on their techno-economic judgments and commercial considerations. The Government has given 41 prior approvals for grant of Mining Lease for Bauxite in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Orissa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra in the last three years, where mining is likely to commence after obtaining clearances. Out of 349 leases granted as on 31.3.2008, 189 have reported production.