

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4047  
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MINING OF CHROMITE  
Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

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

- (a) the details of chromite deposit areas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the estimated quantum of chromite extracted/exported/consumed in the country;
- (c) the number of private operators exploiting chrome ore in the country including Orissa;
- (d) the number of applications received from the State Governments including Orissa for seeking prior approval of allotment of mining rights of chromite during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (e) the status of such applications; and
- (f) the time by which pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

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

- (a) &(b): State-wise information on reserves, production, export and consumption of chromite is given in the Indian Minerals Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which has been supplied to the Parliament Library.
- (c): As per available information, eight private sector operators are exploiting chromite ore in the country including Orissa during 2008-09.
- (d)to(f): The status of applications received from the State Governments for prior approvals of the Central Government for grant of mineral concessions are given on the website of Ministry of Mines (<http://mines.gov.in>).