

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:350  
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ALLOTMENT OF IRON ORE MINES IN JHARKHAND  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several proposals have been received from the Government of Jharkhand seeking approval for allotment of iron ore mines during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details and the status of these proposals including number of such proposals pending with the Government alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan for exploration and exploitation of iron ore available in Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The number of proposals for mining leases for iron ore received from Government of Jharkhand during last three years and the current year and their status is as follows:-

Proposals pending at the beginning of the year	Proposals received during the year	Proposals approved	Proposals pending at the end of the year
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2006-07	8	1	4	5
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2007-08	5	5	5	5
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2008-09	5	5	6	4
2009-10				

(till 03.07.2009)	4	0	0	4
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The status in respect of the pending proposals is given in the website of the Ministry of Mines at [www.mines.nic.in](http://www.mines.nic.in).

(c) & (d): Geological Survey of India (GSI), a subordinate office of the Ministry of Mines, has formulated a programme for exploration of iron ore in Ghatkuri block, District West Singhbhum. GSI has applied for forest permission before commencement of the operations. Another investigation has been undertaken by GSI in Chunga, Rajhara, Sokra, Nawa, Datam, Bhiwabatham areas in District Palamau.

Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines, has also formulated a proposal for detailed exploration of iron ore at Ghatkuri (East), District West Singhbhum in Jharkhand, on promotional basis on behalf of the Ministry of Mines. MECL has applied for forest permission before commencement of the operations. In addition exploration and exploitation work is done by the private sector and by State Government agencies in accordance with the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.