

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY  
Ram Mohan Naidu Shri Kinjarapu

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the National Mineral Policy (NMP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for production of various minerals;
- (d) if so, the details of targets fixed and achievement made in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure optimum utilisation of natural resources?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES, STEEL AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d): No, Madam. With the liberalization of mineral sector since 1993 which led to private sector participation, mineral production depends broadly on availability of mineral resources, economic viability, demand of market etc.

(e): As per National Mineral Policy 2008, the conservation of mineral shall be construed not in the restrictive sense of abstinence from consumption or preservation for use in the distant future but as a positive concept leading to augmentation of reserve base through improvement in mining methods, beneficiation and utilisation of low grade ores and rejects and recovery of associated minerals. The Government is aiming for an adequate and effective legal and institutional framework mandating zero waste mining as the ultimate goal and a commitment to prevent sub-optimal and unscientific mining. Mineral sectoral value addition through latest technique of beneficiation, calibration, blending, sizing, concentration, pelletisation, purification and general customising of product is being encouraged.