

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINING OUTPUT

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's mining output has reduced drastically over the last few years;
- (b) the details of mining output during the last three years and current year along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the mining output of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) and (b): The GDP of mining and quarrying sector at constant prices during the last three years and the current year is as follows:

Mineral	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	(PE)
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GDP of Mining & Quarrying Sector (at Constant Prices)	(in Rs Crore)	110725	108328	106838
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Growth Rate in Mining & Quarrying Sector (in %) (at Constant Prices)	0.1	-2.2	-1.4
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Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

PE: Provisional Estimates

The likely reasons for decline in output of mining sector, inter-alia, are temporary discontinuance of mining, environmental clearance, shortage of labour and restrictions on grant of transport permits by State Government.

The growth rate which was negative during 2012-13 and 2013-14 has turned positive during the first two quarters of 2014-15 as compared to the same period of 2013-14 as given below:

Mineral	2013-14 (Apr-Sept)	2014-15 (Apr-Sept)	
GDP of Mining & Quarrying Sector (at Constant Prices)	(in Rs Crore)	49974	50960

Growth Rate in Mining & Quarrying Sector (in %) (Compared to previous 1st half of the year) (at Constant Prices)	-2.0	2.0
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Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

PE: Provisional Estimates

(c): The mining sector has been liberalized since the year 1993 and supply of minerals is driven by market demand. Therefore, the Government does not administer demand and supply of the minerals.