

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4588**  
FOR ANSWER ON 22/07/2019

**IRON ORE IN ROWGHAT**

4588. SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether around 713 million ton iron ore is expected to be produced in the six blocks of iron ore of Rowghat iron ore mines located in Kanker and Narainpur districts of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to undertake mining activity in the iron ore rich mines of Rowghat through Government of India Undertaking - Steel Authority of India Limited *i.e.* SAIL and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are obstructions in the mining under the Rowghat project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not undertaking mining of iron ore at Rowghat;
- (e) whether the opportunity in the operation of Rowghat project would be given to local unemployed against the affluent agents and intermediaries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the work being undertaken by the District Mineral Foundation in the mining-affected area?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) There are 6 deposits in Rowghat area of Kanker/Narainpur Districts of Chattisgarh namely "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F" deposits which may have indicated geological iron ore reserve of over 700 MT.
- (b) Out of these 6 Deposits, Deposit-F having geological iron reserve of about 511 MT with an area of 2028.797 Ha was reserved by Ministry of Mines for SAIL/ Bhilai Steel Plant. After grant of statutory clearances for the area, Mining Lease has been executed.
- (c)&(d): On account of law & order issues [obstruction from Left Wing Extremists (LWE)] in the area, mine development activities at Rowghat could not progress in the beginning.
- (e) Mine Developer cum Operator (MDO) has been appointed to carry out development and operation of mines. The MDO has obligation, as per the Service Agreement, to engage eligible local persons for mining and other related activities.
- (f) Ministry does not maintain this information.

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