

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1783
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST, 2013**

GRANT OF MINERAL CONCESSIONS

**1783. SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA:
SHRI (CAPT.) JAI NARAIAN PRASAD NISHAD:
DR. KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:
SHRI PURNMASI RAM:**

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

- (a) the details of applications for grant of mineral concessions received during each of the last three years and the current year along with the proposals approved by the State Governments and prior approvals conveyed by the Union Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the names of Public Sector Companies to which mineral concession has been granted during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether State of Gujarat has also recommended for prior approval of Union Government in respect of grant of mineral concessions for bauxite and other minerals;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (e) the applications for grant of mineral concessions lying pending with the Union Government and the State Governments indicating the reasons for their pendency along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken for their expeditious clearance?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)**

- (a): As State Governments grant the mineral concessions in accordance with the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act, 1957), and the Rules framed there under after necessary statutory clearances, details of applications for grant of mineral concession received and granted by the State Governments are not centrally maintained. However, prior approval of the Central Government is required under Section 5 (1) of the Act for grant of Reconnaissance Permit (RP), Prospecting License (PL) and Mining Lease (ML) in respect of minerals specified in Parts 'B' and 'C' of the First Schedule to the Act. Details of such proposals recommended by various State Governments and the prior approvals given by the Ministry of Mines thereto during the last three years and the current year, State/UT wise, is given in **Annexure-I**.

(b): The names of Public Sector Companies to whom prior approval of the Central has been conveyed for grant of mineral concessions during the last three years and the current year is given in **Annexure –II**.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): During the period in question, Government of Gujarat had recommended 20 applications for mineral concessions and there were three backlog applications. Prior approval of the Central Government has been conveyed in two cases, while one proposal has been returned to the State Government. Out of 20 proposals, references have been made to the State Government in 6 cases, and 14 cases are at various stages of process.

(e): The number of applications for grant of mineral concessions awaiting prior approval of the Ministry of Mines is given in **Annexure-III**. The number of applications pending with the major mineral bearing State Governments, as per their latest quarterly reports, is shown in **Annexure-IV**. The primary reasons for the delay at the Central level are insufficient information/documents furnished by the applicants, legal implications and inappropriate application of the provisions of the MMDR Act and Mineral Concession Rules (MCR), 1960 by the State Governments.

The Ministry of Mines has taken several steps for expeditious clearance of mineral concession applications, viz.,

- i. The Ministry of Mines has issued detailed guidelines on 24th June, 2009, 9th February, 2010, 29th July, 2010, 13th October, 2010 and 11th February, 2013 in order to bring about more clarity and consistency in processing the mineral concession proposals. These guidelines are available on the Ministry's website (www.mines.nic.in).
- ii. A Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Mines under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) to inter alia monitor and minimize delays in grant of approvals for mineral concessions.
- iii. Regular reminders are given for expediting replies from the State Governments.

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ANNEXURE-I REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1783 FOR REPLY ON 16.8.2013 REGARDING GRANT OF MINERAL CONCESSIONS.

Number of proposals for mineral concessions received from State Governments and number of prior approvals conveyed by the Ministry of Mines during the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14(upto 12.8.2013)

S.No.	State	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 (upto 12.8.13)	
		No. of proposals received	No. of prior approvals conveyed*	No. of proposals received	No. of prior approvals conveyed*	No. of proposals received	No. of prior approvals conveyed*	No. of proposals received	No. of prior approvals conveyed*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37	1	2	5	39	1	5	1
2.	Chhattisgarh	21	7	13	10	3	6	2	1
3.	Gujarat	0	1	1	1	15	0	4	0
4.	Jharkhand	6	2	2	2	0	0	0	1
5.	Karnataka	21	16	3	8	11	1	1	0
6.	Kerala	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
7.	Madhya Pradesh	72	35	109	51	38	22	32	9
8.	Maharashtra	7	0	16	2	2	12	0	0
9.	Manipur	5	0	5	6	2	0	1	1
10.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
11.	Odisha	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
12.	Rajasthan	7	9	26	9	10	3	3	2
13.	Tamil Nadu	15	0	9	0	10	7	8	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	West Bengal	1	0	4	0	2	1	1	0
	TOTAL:-	196	76	190	94	140	53	57	15

*Proposals approved in a particular year do not necessarily indicate that they have been received in the same year.

ANNEXURE-II REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1783 FOR REPLY ON 16.8.2013 REGARDING GRANT OF MINERAL CONCESSIONS.

Number of prior approvals for mineral concession conveyed by the Ministry of Mines to Public Sector Companies during the period 1/4/2010 to 12/8/2013

S.No.	Name of PSUs	State	No. of prior approvals.
1.	M/s. Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation (CMDC) Ltd.	Chhattisgarh	5
2.	M/s. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Ltd.	Chhattisgarh	1
3.	M/s. Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) Ltd.	Gujarat	2
4.	M/s. Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL)	Jharkhand	1
5.	Joint Venture of M/s. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Ltd. and M/s. Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation (JSMDC) Ltd.	Jharkhand	1
6.	M/s. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Ltd.	Madhya Pradesh	1
7.	M/s. Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL)	Madhya Pradesh	1
8.	M/s. Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL)	Maharashtra	11
9.	M/s. FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Ltd.	Rajasthan	8
10.	M/s. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam (RINL)Ltd.	Rajasthan	1
11.	M/s Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals (RSMM)Ltd.	Rajasthan	1
12.	M/s. Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL)	Rajasthan	1
TOTAL:-			34

ANNEXURE-III REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1783 FOR REPLY ON 16.8.2013 REGARDING GRANT OF MINERAL CONCESSIONS.

No. of Mineral Concession applications with the Central Government as on 12.08.2013

S.No.	Name of States	Proposals with the Central Government as on 12.8.2013	Clarifications sought from State Governments	Under process with Central Government
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	46	12	34
2.	CHHATTISGARH	28	10	18
3.	GUJARAT	20	06	14
4.	JHARKHAND	03	0	03
5.	KARNATAKA	25	16	09
6.	KERALA	04	01	03
7.	MADHYA PRADESH	114	30	84
8.	MAHARASHTRA	16	03	13
9.	MANIPUR	05	01	04
10.	MEGHALAYA	05	01	04
11.	ODISHA	02	02	0
12.	RAJASTHAN	29	17	12
13.	TAMIL NADU	22	04	18
14.	WEST BENGAL	05	0	05
	Total	324	103	221

ANNEXURE-IV REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1783 FOR REPLY ON 16.8.2013 REGARDING GRANT OF MINERAL CONCESSIONS.

Statement showing number of mineral concession applications with the State Governments as per quarterly reports received from them.

(Position as on 12.08.2013)

S.No.	Name of the State	Quarterly Report received up to	No. of applications			
			RP	PL	ML	TOTAL
1	Andhra Pradesh	March-13	32	2926	2540	5498
2	Chhattisgarh	March-13	61	1898	670	2629
3	Goa	March-13	12	674	93	779
4	Gujarat	March -13	12	1134	3670	4816
5	Jharkhand	Dec-12	79	1042	3253	4374
6	Karnataka	March-13	138	2893	16522	19553
7	Madhya Pradesh	March - 13	72	4805	759	5636
8	Maharashtra	Marc -13	13	163	89	265
9	Odisha	Sept-12	35	1924	1720	3679
10	Rajasthan	March-13	136	1842	14089	16067
11	Tamil Nadu	March -13	31	131	1107	1269
TOTAL			621	19432	44512	64565

RP- Reconnaissance Permit

PL- Prospecting License

ML- Mining Lease

