

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2329
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th MAY 2016**

ILLEGAL MINING

**2329. SHRI C S PUTTA RAJU:
Dr. MANOJ RAJORIA:**

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

- (a) whether cases of illegal mining have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated revenue loss incurred to the Government therefrom during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government faces difficulties in taking action against persons involved in illegal mining in the country;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the corrective action taken by the Government against the persons involved in the illegal mining and the extent of success achieved therefrom?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) : State Governments are empowered, under Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (**MMDR Act, 1957**) to make rules for prevention of illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals; and, therefore, matters relating to illegal mining come under the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of State Governments.

However, based on the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted by various State Governments to Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the total cases of illegal mining in the country reported from year 2012-13 to 2015-16 (Quarter ending September, 2015) is provided in **Annexure-I**. The details on estimated total revenue loss are not maintained centrally.

The MMDR Act, 1957 was amended through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 which came into effect from 12th January, 2015. The Amendment Act has, inter alia, provided for stringent punitive provisions for combating illegal mining. Illegal mining has been made punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees per hectare of the area. Provisions have been made for setting up of Special Courts for the purpose of providing speedy trial of offences relating to illegal mining.

Annexure-I

Statement showing Year wise State wise Cases of Illegal Mining for Major & Minor Minerals.

Illegal mining cases						Action taken from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (Up to Quarter ending Sept – 2015)			
Sr. No.	State	2012-13	2013 – 14	2014 – 15	2015 – 16 (Quarter ending Sept. – 2015)	FIR Lodged (Nos.)	Court Cases Filed (Nos.)	Vehicle Seized (No.)	Fine realized by State Govt. (Rs. Lakh)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	0	0	0	0.05
2	Andhra Pradesh	16592	7692	9379	3931	2	1	2	1256.720
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Chhattisgarh	3238	3996	5040	2647	2	13383	1138	2644.673
5	Goa	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
6	Gujarat	6023	5447	5716	2280	240	27	8941	41725.21
7	Haryana	3517	3589	5333	2288	613	0	0	3105.526
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	0	0	0	0
9	Jharkhand	663	901	1162	854	1891	253	1346	1977.76
10	Karnataka	6677	8509	8464	4725	620	539	9720	7771.50
11	Kerala	4550	4448	4172	1459	0	0	0	2487.67
12	Madhya Pradesh	7169	6725	8173	6941	61	28830	528	14670.79
13	Maharashtra	42918	36476	32717	13292	13	0	117848	14709.03
14	Mizoram	16	21	26	n. r.	1	0	0	2.342
15	Odisha	314	76	104	39	4	4	514	1225.34
16	Punjab	19	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	74	0	61	45.80
17	Rajasthan	2861	2953	2945	1423	2258	53	4235	4342.727
18	Tamilnadu	295	1078	205	25	7547	1	36135	11564.649
19	Telangana	-	-	3311	3129	0	0	2	1649.016
20	Uttar Pradesh	3266	6777	10402	4857	0	0	0	7902.88
21	West Bengal	479	n.r.	n. r.	575	1132	0	703	0
Grand Total		98597	88689	97149	48467	14458	43091	181174	117081.683

n. r. –return not received.