

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
URANIUM MINING IN KHASI HILLS

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SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that a lobby is opposing and inciting opposition for mining of Uranium from Khasi hills of State of Meghalaya;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in view of invaluable mineral resource of all States of north-east India, divisive movements are being given protection and encouragement by external forces in these States; and
- (c) the road map of the Government to the States and the nation to provide the benefit of minerals resources?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGES), PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.

(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

- (a) Some NGOs are opposing the uranium mining in Khasi hills in Meghalaya.
- (b) No authentic information is available in this regard.
- (c) The guidelines for exploiting the mineral resources are provided in the National Mineral Policy 2008 and the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Rules thereunder.