

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1403
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

LITHIUM DEPOSITS IN KASHMIR

1403. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government is going to exploit the estimated 5.9 million tonnes of lithium reserves found at Salal-Haimana in Kashmir's Reasi district;
- (b) whether there is any timeline or plan of action being readied; and
- (c) the manner in which Government hope to tackle the huge problems of environmental degradation and ecological problems involved?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

- (a): The Salal-Haimana mineral block in Kashmir's Reasi district will be auctioned as Composite License (CL) by the Government of Union Territory of J&K. The exploitation of lithium will depend upon successful auction of the mineral block.
- (b): The timeline or plan of action for auctioning of the block will be readied by Government of Union Territory of J&K.
- (c): Mining will be carried out as per the Environmental Clearance (EC) granted by MoEFCC.
