

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1806
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

Mining in Surjagad and Gadchiroli

1806. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that mining permissions given in Surajgad and Gadchiroli are being upscaled for both time as well as mining; and
- (b) the details of surveys and precautions Government has taken while giving such permissions to the mining company considering that Surajgad and Gadchiroli are ecologically and politically sensitive areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b): The mining lease for the Surjagarh Iron Ore Mine of M/s Llyods Metals & Energy was granted by Govt. of Maharashtra on 13.04.2007 for a period of 20 years over an area of 348.09 ha for the period upto 02.05.2027. Further, the Govt of Maharashtra vide order dated 2.05.2017 extended the lease for a further period of thirty years till 02.05.2057. Ministry has granted Environmental Clearance (EC) to the said project for mining of Iron Ore vide its letter dated 24.02.2023.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) has notified the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time, which deals with the process to grant Environmental Clearance (EC) including mining of minerals. Any likely impacts of the mining activity, including pollution of groundwater, air and noise pollution, are assessed during its EIA & Environmental Management Plan (EMP) studies, which is mandatory for obtaining EC for all significant mining activities. The concerns of local affected persons and others who have plausible stake in the environmental impacts of the project or activity are taken in to account during EIA/EMP process. Further, conditions are stipulated in Environmental Clearance to address and mitigate the environmental impacts.
