

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3679
FOR ANSWER ON 03/04/2023

NATIONAL MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

3679. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited had planned to explore and extract limestone deposits to be used in the steel plant at Arki, Solan District, Himachal Pradesh two decades ago; and

(b) if so, whether limestone is being extracted currently from this place?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a)&(b): NMDC Ltd. had obtained lease to mine Limestone deposits at Arki, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh on 23.4.1991. Due to several issues including logistics, the project became unviable. The Arki Limestone Mining lease has been surrendered by NMDC Ltd. on 12.8.2021 which has been accepted by the State Government on 8.12.2021.
