

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1246
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

LIME STONES STOCK IN THE JAINTIA HILLS MEGHALAYA

1246. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated stock of the lime stones in Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya;
- (b) the number of companies which have been granted licence and their respective quotas to use lime stones;
- (c) whether it is a fact that disproportionate exploration of the lime stone is causing ecological imbalance; and
- (d) whether some of the cement companies are engaged in illegal mining of the lime stones?

ANSWER

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

- (a): As per the information provided by the Government of Meghalaya, the estimated stock of Limestone in Jaintia Hills till date, stands at 10219 million tonnes.
- (b): As per the information provided by the Government of Meghalaya, the number of cement companies which have been granted licence in the State including Jaintia Hills is 16. The details are given at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): As per the information provided by the Government of Meghalaya, till date, the State Directorate of Mineral Resources, has not received any information/report/complaint relating to the disproportionate exploration of Limestone causing ecological imbalance and engagement of cement companies in illegal mining of Limestone.

List of Cement Companies which have been granted license to use Limestone in Meghalaya (including Jaintia Hills)

S. No.	Lease Holder	Location Address	Approved production (tpd)	Mines Status
1.	M/s Meghalaya Cement Ltd (South Khliehjari Limestone Mine)	Thangskai Village P.O. Lumshnong, East Jaintia Hills	19558	Operational
	M/s Meghalaya Cement Ltd (South Khliehjari Limestone Mine)	Thangskai. Post, Lumshnong, East Jaintia Hills,	1343	Operational
2.	M/s Green Valley Industries Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, District Nongsning P.O. Chiehruphi	280	Non-Operational
3.	M/s Hills Cement Company Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills District	-	Suspended
4.	M/s Mawmluh cherra cement Ltd.	Mawmluh, East Khasi Hills	600	Non-Operational
5.	M/s Star Cement Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, Lumshnong, Khliehriat	4967	Operational
6.	M/s Meghalaya Minerals & Mines Ltd.	Jaintia Hills, District Lumshnong	250	Operational
7.	M/s Cement Manufacturing Company Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, District Lumshnong	3405	Operational
8.	M/s Dalmia Cement Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, Umsoo-Mootang, Thangskai Village	4599	Operational
9.	Cosmos Cement Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, Lumshnong, Khliehriat	300	Operational
10.	M/s Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt.	Nongtrai, Mawsynram, Shella, East Khasi	16667	Operational
11.	M/s JUD Cement Ltd. (JUDCL)	East Khasi Hills Wahiajer Narpuh	-	Suspended
12.	Cement International Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, Lumshnong, Khliehriat,	1965	Operational
13.	M/s K.Singh Wann & son	East Khasi Hills, Mawlong Sirdarship	400	Operational
14.	M/s Goldstone Cement Ltd.	East Jaintia Hill, Khliehriat	-	Non-Operational
15.	M/s Amrit Cement Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, Umlaper Village	-	Non-Operational
16.	Jaintia Cement Ltd.	East Jaintia Hills, Lawmusiang	-	Non-Operational