

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2598  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

**MINERAL OUTPUT**

**2598. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:**

Will the Minister of **MINES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the value of mineral output in the country has declined by 11% during 2015-16 despite 9% rise in volumes, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has already lined up 50 atomic mineral blocks and 100 others for auctions, if so, the details and the facts thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to check the said decline?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL,  
NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a): Aggregate production of the major minerals on tonnage basis increased by 9.4% in 2015-16.

(Production in million tonne and growth in %)

<b>Minerals</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Growth</b>
Major minerals*	452.46	495.03	9.4

\*excludes precious stones and metals, hydro-carbons and atomic minerals

However, in value terms, the mineral production has registered a decline due to prevailing volatility in the commodity market.

- (b): As regards 'atomic minerals' (defined under Part B, First Schedule of MMDR Act, 1957), the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research has established 128 Beach Sand Mineral deposits in different States, wherein 62 deposits are reserved for exclusive use by the Government Companies. The remaining 66 deposits, which contain 'atomic minerals' below the threshold value would be in the public domain for participation by entrepreneurs on auction basis.

During the remaining period of 2016-17, the states have so far intimated for initiating the auctioning procedure in respect of 16 mineral blocks other than atomic minerals as per details provided in the **Annexure**.

- (c): Volume of minerals production in the country has registered a robust growth during last two years. Increase in value of production is contingent upon stabilization of national and international prices of the minerals.

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**Status of Block under e- Auction Process for the states as on 28.11.2016**

Sl. No	States	Name of the Block	Name of Mineral	Area	Reserves	Auction for ML/PL cum ML	Date of NIT	E-Auction date
1	Odisha	Kottameta , Malkangiri	Limestone	801.171 Ha.	98.69 million tonnes	ML	26.10.2016	27.12.2016-30.12.2016
2		Garramura, Malkangiri	Limestone	30.256 Ha.	2.79 million tonnes	ML	26.10.2016	27.12.2016-30.12.2016
3		Uskalvagu , Malkangiri	Limestone	547.126 Ha	189.524 million tonnes	PL cum ML	26.10.2016	27.12.2016-30.12.2016
4		Lasarda-Pacheri, Kendujhar	Manganese	256.304 Ha	11.16 million tonnes	PL cum ML	26.10.2016	27.12.2016-30.12.2016
5	Rajasthan	Base Metal and Noble Metal of SrinagarMohanpura-Pharkiya Block, Ajmer	Copper and associated minerals	831.85 Ha	1.12 MT	CL	11.11.2016	09.01.2016
6		Sindwari, Ramakhera,Satkhand Block - B , Chittaurgarh	Limestone	474.5 Ha	174.45MT	ML	11.11.2016	04.01.2016
7		Limestone of Sindwari-Ramakhera-Satkhand Block-A , Chittaurgarh	Limestone	935.7375 Ha	224.04 MT	ML	11.11.2016	04.01.2016
8		Limestone block- 3B1-(a) n/v Deh of tehsil JayalDistrict Nagaur	Limestone	267.6288 Ha	126.95 MT	ML	11.11.2016	04.01.2016

9	Jharkhand	Parasi Gold Block	Gold and associated minerals	75.273 Ha	9.894 million tones @ 1.055 % Au	ML	13.09.2016	21.12.2016
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10	Karnataka*	BR yogendranath Singh, ML No. 2186, kakubal, ballery	iron ore	15.89 ha	2.84 MT	ML		-
11		M/s Channakeshava Reddy, ML No. 2566, kenkere, chitradurga	iron ore	7.57 ha	3.17 MT	ML		-
12		M/s Mineral Mines and traders, ML.NO. 2185, janikunta, bellary	iron ore	44.42 ha	9.224 MT	ML		-
13		M/s Nidhi Mining company, ML. NO. 2433, Ubbalgundi, Bellary	iron ore	29.49 ha	10.024 MT	ML		-
14		Ramgad Mines & Minerals(P) ltd. ML. No. 2451, venkatagiri, bellary	iron ore	24.04 ha	2.137 MT	ML		-
15		S. B. mienrals, M.L. No. 2393, Ramgad, Bellary	iron ore	40.38 ha	4.296 MT	ML		-
16		M/ s Srinivasalu Mines , ML. No. 2631, K.K.Kaval, chitradurga	iron ore	75.14 ha	9.88 MT	ML		-

**ML: Mining Lease, PL: Prospecting Licence**

**\*Date is yet to be announced by the State**