

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.5661
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

Minerals Resources in Forest Areas

5661. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGBHAI CHAUHAN:

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

- (a) whether the forest areas in the country are having mineral resources such as granite, bauxite and silica, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extract these minerals from forest areas in an environment friendly manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) & (b) Mineral Resources are located in forest and non-forest areas subject to favorable geological conditions. The forest areas in the India has rich mineral resources, such as Iron, Manganese, Chrome, Coal, Granite, Bauxite and Silica, etc.
- (c) & (d) Extraction of these mineral resources from forest areas involve prior permission under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for using forest land for mining purposes. The statutory approvals are given subject to certain general, standard and specific conditions, wherein conservation related issues are specifically addressed. Moreover, in case of mining, proposals are also examined as per the provisions of under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, for environmental clearance wherein possible environmental impacts are addressed.
