

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2769
ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020

COMPLAINTS REGARDING ILLEGAL MINING

2769. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of complaints received about illegal mining in the country during the last three years, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the action taken on these complaints, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of illegal mining have increased in the country during the said period but action has been taken registering a few cases only; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Based on the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted by various State Governments to the Indian Bureau of Mines (a subordinate office of this Ministry), the state-wise case details of illegal mining reported from the year 2016-17 to 2018-19 alongwith the action taken is given at Annexure.

It can be concluded from the table given at Annexure that the cases of illegal mining showed an upward trend from 2016-17 to 2017-18. However, it has shown a downward trend from 2017-18 to 2018-19.

Statement Showing Number of Cases of Illegal Mining reported and action taken during the period from 2016-17 to 2018-19

Illegal mining cases (Nos.)					Action taken from 2016-17 to 2018-19			
Sr. No.	State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	FIR Lodged (Nos.)	Court Cases Filed (Nos.)	Vehicle Seized (No.)	Fine realized by State Govt. (Rs. Lakh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9703	8128	7644	30	18	648	8580.115
2.	Chhattisgarh	4794	4857	5060	0	14711	0	2525.374
3.	Gujarat	8325	7827	7679	325	21	20066	22118.33
4.	Haryana	1345	1391	1380	517	0	0	1036.502
5.	Himachal Pradesh	783	1753	590	0	410	4	69.761
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	n. r.	1485	n.r	0	0	1485	15.896
7.	Jharkhand	838	2772	3132	1900	651	7028	3683.825
8.	Karnataka	5692	4669	4101	3070	459	2716	6868.385
9.	Kerala	4861	8315	7797	0	0	0	12299.32
10.	Madhya Pradesh	13880	15205	16405	479	24456	2477	135439.4
11.	Maharashtra	31173	26628	13436	4405	0	71237	28496.58
12.	Odisha	45	47	29	2	4	82	1750.321
13.	Rajasthan	3945	6632	17118	2620	44	293846	16021.118
14.	Tamilnadu	87	132	113	22956	45	39741	12798.062
15.	Telangana	5839	6143	6553	0	0	2	4757.36
16.	Uttar Pradesh	5737	20214	24455	677	4423	0	13864.06
Grand Total		97047	116198	115492	36981	45242	439332	270324.41