

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
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PRIVATISATION OF MINING SECTOR

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is going to privatise the mining sector of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and their performance report for the last five years and the status of private players in the country; and
- (d) the details of proposal of the Government to modernise the mining technology, safety, growth and reformation plans by amending the National Mineral Policy, 2019?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Section 5 of the MMDR Act, 1957 provides for grant of mineral concessions to an Indian national or a company as defined in the Companies Act, 2013. The mining leases are granted through e-auction. Therefore, private players are actively involved in mining sector.

(c): The performance report of NALCO, HCL and MECL, three Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines in the last 5 years are as under:

1. NALCO

Parameter	Unit	Yearly achievement				
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Production						
Production of Alumina Hydrate	Lakh tonne	19.53	21.00	21.06	21.53	21.61
Production of Aluminium	Lakh tonne	3.72	3.87	4.26	4.40	4.18
Financials						
Revenue from Operation (Net)	Rs. Crore	6,816	7,555.51	9,489.34	11,499.32	8,471.84
PAT	Rs. Crore	731	668.53	1,342.41	1,732.40	138.23

2. Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL)

Parameter	Unit	Yearly achievement				
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Production						
Production of Copper Ore	In Tonnes	39,07,636	38,45,225	36,74,850	41,22,804	39,67,594
Production of MIC	In Tonnes	31578	30587	31794	32439	26503
Financials						
Revenue	Rs. in Crore	968.76	1220.40	1719.68	1,816.25	831.85
PAT	Rs. in Crore	43.56	61.94	79.6	145.51	-569.35

3. MECL

Parameter	Unit	Yearly achievement				
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Exploration						
Drilling	Mtrs.	4,02,488	5,19,466	6,32,115	6,10,953	6,38,801
Financials						
Gross Revenue	(Rs. in crores)	282.60	364.74	385.51	378.49	447.03
PAT	(Rs. in crores)	76.76	104.86	97.48	100.61	146.13

However, performance of private players in the country is not maintained centrally.

(d): The Ministry is implementing Star rating of Mines to encourage modernization through emphasis on sustainable mining. There is no proposal at present to amend National Mineral Policy, 2019.
