

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5700
ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

MINERAL POLICY

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to implement new mineral policy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether the Government is considering a new mineral policy in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the amendments being carried out in the new mineral policy at present by the Government;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to frame new mineral policy in tribal areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Ministry of Mines has announced the National Mineral Policy 2019 (“NMP 2019”) in March, 2019 which replaced the National Mineral Policy 2008. Subsequently, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR Act) 1957 was amended in the years 2020 and 2021.

The objectives of Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020 is to allow State Governments to take advance action for auction of mineral blocks before the expiry of lease period and to allow transfer of statutory clearances, permissions etc. to a new lessee facilitate seamless continuity of mining operations. Further, the MMDR Amendment Act, 2021 *inter alia* provides for increasing mineral production and time bound operationalisation of mines, increasing employment and investment in the mining sector, maintaining continuity in mining operations after change of lessee, increasing the pace of exploration and auction of mineral resources and resolving long pending issues that have slowed the growth of the sector. These reforms will ensure self-sufficiency in mineral requirement of the country.

Further, as per the information furnished by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, no new mineral policy is under consideration in Madhya Pradesh.
