

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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INNOVATIONS IN THE MINING SECTOR

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of innovations in the mining sector on local employment generation and economic growth; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Key innovations in the mining sector over the last ten years include introduction of auction method for allocation of mineral blocks, setting up of National Mineral Exploration Trust to fund exploration activity, uniform lease period of 50 years and setting up of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) to undertake welfare activities for people in mining areas which also include supporting various Self Help Groups (SHGs) in DMF districts. These innovations have led to increase in employment and contributed to economic growth. As per a Study, "Human Resource and Skill Requirement in the Mining Sector in India 2019-2025", conducted by the Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS), total employment in mining sector stood at 117 lakh in 2018-19, and incremental employment from 2019-2025 at 8.5 lakh. Mining and quarrying sector contributes about 2 percent of India's Gross Domestic Product.
