

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5074
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

REGULATION OF MINING ACTIVITIES

5074. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mines which received clearance from the Government for operations in Rajasthan during the last five years;
- (b) the details regarding land allotment to mining companies including the total area allocated along with lease duration indicating company names and conditions imposed;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to regulate mining activities in Rajasthan particularly in preventing illegal mining and ensuring compliance with environmental and forest conservation laws;
- (d) the governance mechanisms put in place to promote sustainable mining practices including monitoring, enforcement and rehabilitation of mines areas; and
- (e) whether the Government is formulating a strategy to secure critical minerals for advanced technology sectors and if so, the details thereof along with policy reforms being introduced to ensure their sustainable extraction and utilization?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per the information received from the Government of Rajasthan, 16 major mineral mines have received clearance from the Government for operations in Rajasthan during the last five years. The details are given at Annexure I.

(c) As per section 23C of the MMDR Act, 1957, State Governments have been empowered to frame rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals and for purposes connected therewith. Therefore, prevention and control of illegal mining is the primary responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government supports and augments efforts of State Governments through policy initiatives from time to time. As per available information, Government of Rajasthan has notified the Rajasthan Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2006 to curb illegal mining in the State. To assist the State Governments in detecting illegal mining activities, the Government of India

has launched Mining Surveillance System (MSS) to detect instances of illegal mining activities around mining leases through satellite imagery.

(d) The Ministry of Mines has implemented Sustainable Mining Practices by making provisions under Chapter-V of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules (MCDR), 2017. Provisions have been incorporated in the rules for precaution against air pollution, prevention of discharge of toxic liquid, precaution against noise, control of surface subsidence etc. Rule 35 of MCDR, 2017 provides for star rating of the mining leases based on the sustainable mining practices adopted by the miners. The star rating scheme is designed to have an inbuilt compliance mechanism for environment and forest safeguards and has been helpful in recognizing good performers in the sector while encouraging all mining lease holders to strive for excellence. Further, as per Rule 35 (4) of MCDR, 2017, every holder of a mining lease is mandated to achieve at least three-star rating within a period of four years from the date of commencement of mining operations and thereafter maintain the same on year-on-year basis.

(e) The Union Cabinet has approved the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) on 29 January, 2025 with an expenditure of Rs.16,300 crore and an expected investment of Rs.18,000 crore from PSUs and other stakeholders. The NCMM aims to secure a long-term sustainable supply of critical minerals and strengthen India's critical mineral value chains encompassing all stages from mineral exploration and mining to beneficiation, processing, and recovery from end-of-life products. Under the NCMM, the government will create an enabling ecosystem for research and development (R&D) in the country, focusing on technology creation, global R&D collaboration and transfer across the critical mineral value chain.

Annexure I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO AT PART 'A' & 'B' IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5074 REGARDING 'REGULATION OF MINING ACTIVITIES'.

Details of major mineral mines have received clearance from the Government for operations in Rajasthan during the last five years

S. No.	Name of Lessee/Licence	Mineral Name	Area (Hq)	Period		Condition Imposed	Land Allotted	
				From	To		Area (Hq)	Land Type
1	M/s. Wonder Cement	Limestone	515.2	10.10.2022	19.10.2072	-	515.2	Govt
2	M/s. J K Cement Ltd	Limestone	304	28.06.2023	27.06.2073	-	304	Govt
3	Sh. Govind Goyal	Wolastonite & Feldspar	5	26.05.2003	25.05.2053	As Per Law	5	Govt
4	Sarasni	Limestone (Cement Grade)	470	12-04-2023	11-04-2073	As Per Law	125.2242	Govt
5	ACC Ltd.	Lime Stone (Cement Grade)	1516.88	01-08-1973	31-03-2030	-	1107.00	Non Forest Land
							409.88	Forest Land
6	Shree Cement	Lime Stone (Cement Grade)	624	08.05.19	07.05.69	As specified in the lease agreement	624	Govt./ Grazing Land/Private Land
7	Ojaswi Marble and Granite	Iron-ore	180	18.12.21	17.12.71	As specified in the lease agreement	180	Forest Land
8	Marwar Cement Pvt. Ltd	Limestone (Cement Grade)	195.706	07.02.20	06.02.70	Lease holder will install two million tons annual capacity cement plants	195.7064	Govt/ Private Land
9	M/s Shree Ma Dev Mines and Minerals	Garnet (Abrasive) Felspar and Quartz	4.3637	17.01.2014	16.01.2064	Yes	4.3637	Khatedari Land
10	Jindal Saw Limited	Cobalt, Copper, Gold, Iron Ore, Lead, Nickel, Silver, Zinc	1556.78	08.12.2010	07.12.2060		1556.78	Govt./ Grazing Land/Private Land
11	Ummed Singh Ranawat	Garnet, Quartz	4	27.11.2013	26.11.2063		4	Govt. Waste Land/Private Land

12	Pravin Jain (Dangi)	Felspar, Garnet, Mica, Quartz	4.06	01.10.2006	30.09.2064		4.06	Govt. Waste Land/Private Land
13	Jindal Saw Limited	Cobalt, Copper, Gold, Iron Ore, Lead, Nickel, Silver, Zinc	433.1	09.05.2012	08.05.2062		433.1	Govt./ Grazing Land/Private Land
14	Akd Gem Garnet Mines	Garnet	5	14.05.2001	13.05.2051		5	Govt/Private Land
15	Hindustan Zinc Limited	Cadmium, Lead, Silver, Zinc	1200	13-03-1980	12.03.2030		1200	Govt./ Grazing Land/Private Land
16	Dinesh Kumar Jain	Felspar, Garnet, Mica, Quartz	4.03	21.07.2008	20.07.2058		4.03	Govt./ Private Land