GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 537

ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025

EXPORT AND PRODUCTION OF QUARTZ

537. SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total quantity of quartz produced in the country during the last five years, year and State-wise;
- (b) the details of the total quantity of quartz exported from the country during the last five years, year and country-wise;
- (c) whether the domestic demand for quartz is being met adequately after accounting for the quantity exported;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the factors ensuring sufficient supply and if not, the reasons for the shortfall;
- (e) whether the Government is taking necessary steps to ensure availability of quartz for domestic industries, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has formulated any policy or strategy to boost quartz exports to International markets; and
- (g) if so, the details of such a policy, including target countries, incentives, marketing efforts or trade agreements in place?

ANSWER

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

(a): In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of section 3 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, Quartz was declared a minor mineral on 10.02.2015, and has recently been reclassified as a major mineral on 20.02.2025. Being under the domain of States from 10.02.2015 to 20.02.2025, Statewise production data has not been centrally maintained. However, States like Rajasthan, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are important Quartz producers. As per available information, quantity of Quartz produced during the last five years in these three States is given below:

(Production quantity in lakh ton)

Year	Rajasthan	Telangana	Andhra Pradesh
2020-21	12.5	9.1	5.2
2021-22	14.2	12.3	4.8
2022-23	18.8	10.8	7.2
2023-24	24.2	15.4	9.4
2024-25	25.3	13.2	2.0

- (b) to (e): Details of total quantity of quartz exported from India during last 5 years, year- and country-wise, are at Annexure. Annual export is 916 kilo ton (kt) as against a mere 4 kt of annual import, implying sufficient availability for domestic industries. Moreover, import of Quartz into the country is under 'free' category, ensuring conditions for ease of domestic supply.
- (f) & (g): Quartz benefits from various government policies and schemes aimed at export promotion. New Foreign Trade Policy came into effect from 01.04.2023. Districts as Export Hubs initiative, which is aimed at addressing bottlenecks for exporting products with export potential, has identified Quartz, among other items. In addition, the Export Promotion Mission announced in the Union Budget 2025-26 is aimed at facilitating easy access to export credit, cross-border factoring support, and support to MSMEs to tackle non-tariff measures in overseas markets.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) to (e) of LS USQ 537 answered on 23.07.2025 regarding 'Export and Production of Quartz'

Table: Country-wise Year-wise Export of Quartz (HS 250610)

(Quantity in kilo ton)

2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Country	Quantity	Country	Quantity	Country	Quantity
Malaysia	168.03	Malaysia	207.32	Malaysia	228.75
Vietnam	80.80	Bhutan	112.92	China	163.03
China	58.46	Vietnam	105.50	Bhutan	128.03
Bhutan	50.15	China	71.03	Thailand	66.14
Korea Republic	47.12	Korea Republic	58.53	Korea Republic	62.32
Bangladesh	45.54	Bangladesh	50.68	Bangladesh	51.52
Canada	29.83	Taiwan	40.21	Vietnam	44.68
Philippines	27.36	Canada	37.70	Japan	36.60
Taiwan	25.79	Japan	27.56	Taiwan	33.99
Japan	25.74	Qatar	22.96	Oman	21.20
Others	133.71	Others	128.80	Others	102.70
Total	692.53	Total	863.21	Total	938.96

2023	3-24	202	2024-25		
Country	Quantity	Country	Quantity		
China	625.65	Malaysia	253.66 137.19		
Malaysia	246.04	China			
Bhutan	77.80	Bhutan	83.02		
Thailand	60.68	Taiwan	61.93		
Taiwan	60.66	Korea Republic	58.03		
Korea Republic	51.14	Bangladesh	52.37		
Bangladesh	50.68	UAE	49.67		
Vietnam	49.46	Vietnam	31.88		
UAE	32.50	Philippines	29.70		
Japan	21.10	Japan	25.20		
Others	102.57	Others	133.34		
Total	1378.28	Total	915.99		