

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †649
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025

IMPACT OF IRON ORE MINING IN MANY TOWNS OF JHARKHAND

†649. SMT. JOBA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is cognisant of the fact that red water is flowing into the fields meant for agriculture due to non-compliance of the prescribed standards during the mining of iron ore at Kiriburu, Meghahatuburu, Gua, Chiria etc. located in Chaibasa in Jharkhand based Steel Authority of India leading to the agricultural land growing fallow as well as local people being subjected to the onslaught of serious ailments; and
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per existing law, before execution of the mining lease, it is mandatory for the prospective lessees to obtain the requisite statutory clearances, including Environmental Clearance. The lease holders are required to ensure compliance of the terms and conditions of the clearances and approvals accorded by the respective authorities, failing which necessary action is taken by the concerned authorities under the respective Acts and applicable Rules/Guidelines.

As per information received from the Ministry of Steel, the iron ore mines operated by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) at Kiriburu, Meghahatuburu, Gua, Chiria etc. located in Chaibasa in Jharkhand strictly adhere to the conditions of the Environmental Clearance mandated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and periodic monitoring reports are submitted to the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board and MoEF&CC, in accordance with statutory requirements.

Further, the Ministry of Steel has informed that these mines are certified under internationally recognized standards, including standards for Quality Management, Environmental Management, Occupational Health & Safety and Energy Management. These certifications are based on robust systems for quality, environmental stewardship, safety and energy efficiency.
