

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1255  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

**ASBESTOS MINING**

**1255.SHRI KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:**

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the asbestos mining being carried out in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to stop the asbestos mining operations in the country in view of its adverse effect on public health; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL  
(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)**

- (a): During last three years, there was no asbestos mining in the country.
- (b): Grant of fresh mining leases and renewal of existing mining leases for Asbestos has been banned by the Ministry of Mines in the country on health grounds.
- (c): Does not arise in view of the answer to (b) above.