GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1188 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2016

DEVELOPMENT OF MINING SECTOR

1188. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH :

Will the Minister of **MINES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop the domestic mining sector by adopting advanced mining technology from other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including any MoU signed in this regard; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to promote eco-friendly mining in vulnerable ecosensitive zone in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES, POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) & (b) It has been the continuous endeavour of the Government of India to adopt advanced mining technology for the development of domestic mining sector. Countries like Canada and Australia use advanced mining technology. Government of India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Natural Resources, Government of Canada on 27.06.2010 for exchange of scientific and technical information and transfer of technology in support of collaborative projects.
- (c) The mining activities are prohibited in the Eco-sensitive Zones notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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