

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2016**

IRON ORE MINES

156. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

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

- (a) the quantum of iron ore deposits in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of iron ore mines allotted in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any strategy to increase the production of iron ore in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The State-wise details of quantum of deposits of iron ore available in the country as on 01.04.2013 is at **Annexure-I**.

(b): Under the provisions of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Rules framed thereunder respective State Governments are the Competent Authority for grant of mineral concessions. As per information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines), the details of mining leases granted for iron ore and group of minerals having iron during each of the last three years is given in **Annexure-II**.

Ghoraburhiani Sagasahi Iron ore block of 139.165 hectare in the State of Odisha has been successfully auctioned to Essar Steel India Limited in the current year as per current regime of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.

(c) and (d): To promote the mineral sector and increase production, the Government has amended the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (**MMDR**) Act, 1957 through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015. The most important provisions of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 are:

- (i) grant of mineral concessions through auction by competitive bidding;
- (ii) transition provisions for extension of existing leases to obviate disruptions in supply of ore and to ensure regular supply of raw material to the industry;
- (iii) allowing easy transferability of mineral concessions granted through auction, which would facilitate investments into the mining sector; and
- (iv) establishment of National Mineral Exploration Trust for regional and detailed exploration;

Annexure-I

State-wise details of quantum of deposits of Iron ore available in the country as on 01.4.2013 (Prov.)

(Unit: in million tonnes)

State		Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total
Andhra Pradesh	Hematite	23.95	341.97	365.92
	Magnetite	0.00	1463.54	1463.54
Assam	Hematite	0.00	12.60	12.60
	Magnetite	0.00	15.38	15.38
Bihar	Hematite	0.00	0.06	0.06
	Magnetite	0.00	2.66	2.66
Chhattisgarh	Hematite	1359.00	2672.30	4031.30
Goa	Hematite	0.00	1019.18	1019.18
	Magnetite	0.00	225.78	225.78
Jharkhand	Hematite	1426.73	3642.35	5069.08
	Magnetite	0.00	10.67	10.67
Karnataka	Hematite	380.09	1888.73	2268.82
	Magnetite	0.00	7801.74	7801.74
Kerala	Magnetite	0.00	83.43	83.43
Madhya Pradesh	Hematite	46.70	206.66	253.36
Maharashtra	Hematite	18.40	277.24	295.64
	Magnetite	0.63	0.30	0.93
Meghalaya	Hematite	0.00	0.22	0.22
	Magnetite	0.00	3.38	3.38
Nagaland	Magnetite	0.00	5.28	5.28
Odisha	Hematite	3342.00	3840.58	7182.58
	Magnetite	0.00	0.15	0.15
Rajasthan	Hematite	11.41	27.54	38.94
	Magnetite	33.97	593.41	627.38
Tamil Nadu	Magnetite	0.00	507.04	507.04
Uttar Pradesh	Hematite	0.00	38.00	38.00
India	Hematite	6608.28	13967.43	20575.71
	Magnetite	34.6	10712.76	10747.36

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

Annexure-II

Details of mining leases granted for Iron ore and group of minerals having iron ore during last three years & current year

Mineral	State/District	Village	Area in ha.	Year of Grant	Period in years	Name of Lessee
Iron ore & Laterite	Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur	Giduraha	9.20	2013	30	Brokan Hill Mining Company
Iron ore, Laterite, Clay & Ochre	Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur	Dhamdha	4.54	2013	30	R.M.G. Super Mines Pvt. Ltd.,
Manganese ore, Iron ore & Laterite,	Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur	Hridayanagar	4.67	2014	20	Shrikant Pandey
Iron ore/Manganese ore /Laterite	Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur	Dhamda	22.00	2015	50	Shri Sai Industries
Iron ore	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattarpur	Khaira Majhaura	4.6	2015	50	M/s Jindatt Minerals Pvt Ltd.

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines