

food processing sector for the last three years, year-wise? and state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Broadly the food processing industries include cereals and pulses processing including milling, oil milling, edible oils, fats like vanaspati, cereals and pulses based products, fruits, vegetables and nuts processing, spices processing, bakery products, pasta products, edible starch, sorbitol, soya based products, milk products, baby food, weaning food, malted food, meat, poultry and egg processing, fish processing, fermented foods, potable alcohol, beer, wines, carbonated and non-carbonated beverages and waters and other beverages, cocoa products, confectionery, sweets, snack foods, fast foods, ready-to-eat foods, sugar, gur, khandasari and other sugar, honey processing, certain food additives like edible guar gum, etc.

Some of the above industries however do not come under the purview of this Ministry.

(b) The State-wise information is not

being centrally maintained.

Alumina Plant in Andhra Pradesh

2225. S H R I
SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of bauxite available in our country state-wise;

(b) whether any proposal for the setting up of an alumina plant in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh has been lying pending with the Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the project proposal will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) As per National Mineral Inventory, recoverable reserves of bauxite in India as on 1.4.1990 are given below:-

State	(Unit : '000 tonnes) Bauxite reserves
Andhra Pradesh	592,001
Bihar	61,104
Goa	28,089
Gujarat	107,744
Jammu & Kashmir	1,783
Karnataka	27,416
Kerala	140,791
Madhya Pradesh	140,791
Maharashtra	87,250

<i>State</i>	<i>(Unit : '000 tonnes) Bauxite reserves</i>
Meghalaya	896
Orissa	1,442,276
Rajasthan	318
Tamil Nadu	18,327
Uttar Pradesh	9,420

(b) to (d) The following three applications have been received by the Government for setting up of 100% export Oriented Alumina projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh:-

- (i) M/s. Hindustan Development Corporation (HDC)
- (ii) M/s. Birla Technical Services (BTS); and
- (iii) M/s. Kandula Aluminium Company Limited.

M/s. HDC have since withdrawn their application. The remaining two applications are for setting up of Alumina Plants in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and are under consideration of the Government.

Foreign Investment in Mining

[*Translation*]

2226. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA
KAUR (DEEPA) :
SHRI LOKANATH
CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the major and minor minerals that can be offered for exploitation by the multinationals;

(b) the foreign investment assurance

received by the Government till date ;

(c) whether some foreign companies have sought reduction in royalty rates; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Any company registered in India is eligible for grant of prospecting licence/mining lease in respect of non-fuel and non-atomic minerals.

(b) The Government has not received any assurance from foreign investors.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Periodical revision in the rates of the royalty on minerals is made as per the relevant provisions of the MM (R&D) Act, 1957.

Production And Consumption of Gold

2227. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY
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SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI VISHWANATH
SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the locations and other details of gold mines in the country;