

State	(Unit : '000 tonnes) Bauxite reserves
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M/s. HDC have since withdrawn their application.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 :
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;

(b) the details of profits earned/losses suffered by these mines during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the gold consumption in the country is the highest in the world;

(d) if so, the annual gold consumption in the country for the last three years, year-wise;

(e) whether the Government is unable

to meet the present demand for gold in the country; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase gold production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGHYADAV): (a) The location of the gold mines of Bharat Gold mines Limited (BGML) and Hutti Gold Mines Limited (HGML) are as follows :

Owner/Mines	Location District	State
1	2	3
BGML		
(i)	Yeppamana Anantpur	Andhra Pradesh
(ii)	Chigargunta Phase I Chittoor	-do-
(iii)	Chigargunta Phase II -do-	-do-
(iv)	Old Bisanatham -do-	-do-
(v)	Mysore Champion Amalgamated Kolar	Karnataka
(vi)	Nundydroog -do-	-do-
HGML		
(i)	Kutti Raichur	-do-
(ii)	Mangalur Gulbarga	-do-

(b) The profit earned/losses suffered by Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., and Hutti Gold/

Mines Ltd., during the last three years are as under :-

(Rs. in crores Profit + Loss -)

Year	Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.	Hutti Gold Mines Ltd.
1991-92	- 42.28	+ 21.55
1992-93	- 34.30	+ 1.50
1993-94	- 35.44	+ 5.32

* Provisional

(c) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

by these mines during the last three years year-wise;

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(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey to reassess the availability of diamonds in the country;

Diamond Mining

2228. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI :
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA
RAO :
SHRI BOLLABULLIRAMAIAH
SHRI SRIKANTA JEN:
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI
ATHITHANN :
SHRI M. V. V. S. MURTHY :

(d) if so, the new sites identified so far;

(e) whether the Government have received proposals from the International Diamond Mining Companies for undertaking mining work in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(g) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

(a) the location and other details of Diamond mines in the country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Details of the diamond mines in our country are given below:-

(b) the profits earned/losses suffered

Name of Mine	Location	
	District	State
Majhgawan	Panna	Madhya Pradesh
Shallow	Panna	Madhya Pradesh