

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:370
ANSWERED ON:08.04.2003
PROMOTION OF BAUXITE INDUSTRY
NAGMANI

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any policy to promote the Bauxite industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have received proposals from the State Governments with regard to formulation of said policy in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 370 FOR ANSWER ON 8.4.2003 AS BY SHRI NAGMANI REGARDING PROMOTION OF BAUXITE INDUSTRY.

(a) & (b) The Government has not formulated any separate policy to promote bauxite exploration and mining as such. However, since the 1993, the Government has been progressively liberalising policy for development of all non-fuel, non-atomic minerals including bauxite which aims to facilitate, inter-alia, greater private sector participation including foreign direct investment in exploration and exploitation of minerals, induction of state-of-the-art technologies in mining sector, decentralization and delegation of powers to the State Governments, simplification of procedures governing grant of mineral concessions, conservation and systematic development of minerals and protection of environment.

(c) to (e) No proposal has been received from the State Governments with regard to formulating policy to promote bauxite mining.