

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA**

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MARBLE MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the places in the country where mining of Marble and Granite has been undertaken alongwith the quantum of Marble and Granite extracted during the last three years;
- (b) whether the mining and production of Marble and Granite has been reducing constantly;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the names of countries to which Marble and Granite has been exported during the last three years alongwith the quantity thereof; and
- (e) the income earned by the Government on account of export of Marble and Granite, separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) Marble and granite are minor minerals defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and therefore information on production of these minerals are not centrally maintained. However leading marble producing state is Rajasthan followed by Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar. Similarly major granite producing states are Andhra Pradesh, Karnatak and Tamil Nadu followed by Rajasthan Gujarat Uttar Pradesh Orrisa,. Kerala Haryana Goa Madhya Pradesh and Bihar. As per information given by the Centre for Development of Stone, an Autonomous body of the government of Rajssthan, production figures in respect of Marble and Granite for the period 1995-98 were estimated as under:

Production (In thousand tonnes)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Marble	3186	3712	3622
Granite	4555	4550	4950

(d) to (e): Marble and Granite are exported to a large number of countries including South Korea, Taiwan, Israel & USA etc. Total quantity and value of exports during 1995-1998 were as under :

(Qty. in thousand tonnes) (Value in million Rs.)

	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Marble	59	899	66	1,080	74	1,301
Granite	1,277	10,827	1172	11,388	708	9,577