

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2595
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MINERAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the mineral reserves in the country, location-wise;
- (b) the production of the said minerals during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the production of these minerals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): Information on mineral reserves in the country, location-wise is given in the Indian Mineral Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM). A copy has been supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b): The details are at Annexure.

(c): Some of the steps taken by the Ministry of Mines are as follows:-

- (i) Enunciated the National Mineral Policy in 1993,
- (ii) Opened up the non-fuel and non-atomic mineral sector for private sector investment, including foreign direct investment (FDI),
- (iii) Permitted 100% FDI under the automatic route, in all minerals except diamond and precious stones: for diamond and precious stones FDI is allowed upto 74% under the automatic route and upto 100% through the Foreign Investment Promotion Board,
- (iv) Introduced the concept of Reconnaissance permit as a stage distinct from and prior to actual prospecting operations.
- (v) Delegated further authority to State Governments.

To review the National Mineral Policy, 1993 and further improve the investment environment in mining sector a High Level Committee has been set up under Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission to recommend appropriate measures in this regard.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha unstarred question No.2595 dated 9th December, 2005

MINERAL PRODUCTION IN INDIA (MAJOR MINERALS)

(Value in Rs. `000)

MINERAL uNIT QTY QTY. QTY.

BAUXITE t 9867455 10924786 11696773
CHROMITE t 3068631 2904809 3639848
COPPER ORE t 3071293 2902972 2931158
COPPER CONC. t 152099 143135 145664
GOLD ORE t 612346 622468 589877
GOLD kg 3153 3457 3526
IRON ORE `000t 99072 122838 142711
LEAD & ZINC ORE t 3074864 3644263 3928526
LEAD CONC. t 59107 73069 81635
ZINC CONC. t 486162 590276 666972
MANGANESE ORE t 1678372 1776153 2378543
TIN CONC. kg 10630 15576 23502
SILVER kg 59502 37870 10955
AGATE t 96 55 15
APATITE t 11426 10448 8596
PHOSPHORITE t 1201408 1435959 1184351
ASBESTOS t 14139 10107 5619
BALL CLAY t 663296 837847 527807
BARYTES t 679628 723075 1161332
CALCITE t 115612 122329 84187
CHALK t 132775 117185 131599
CLAY (OTHERS) t 164790 790191 1224514
CORUNDUM kg 7601 117030 18560
DIAMOND crt 84407 71260 78315
DIASPORE t 11157 13775 21194
DOLOMITE t 3630115 4050906 4308938
EMERALD crt 0 0 0
FELSPAR t 239093 332220 373212
FIRECLAY t 513980 657080 558716
FELSITE t 1163 947 793
FLUORITE (Graded) t 8825 6555 3733
FLUORITE CONC.(TOTAL) t 4198 5838 7717
GARNET (abrasive) t 432093 490893 587951
GARNET (GEM) kg 908 544 90
GRAPHITE (R.O.M.) t 106060 87207 100363
GYPSUM t 2653485 2773813 3554973
JASPER t 4547 2533 1210
KAOLIN (TOTAL) t 822751 896884 904989

2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 (p)

MINERAL UNIT QTY QTY. QTY.

KYANITE t 5327 9057 7710
SILLIMANITE t 13290 19729 28761
LIMESTONE `000t 155742 153390 161462
LIMEKANKAR t 310435 358468 482013
LIMESHELL t 119931 135782 138380
MAGNESITE t 278267 323977 381327
MICA (CRUDE) kg 1232467 1075681 1366095
MICA (WASTE & SCRAP) kg 2342320 2927662 2801799
OCHRE t 778540 959673 807963
PYROPHYLLITE t 147233 176240 269712
QUARTZ t 271267 287188 295719
QUARTZITE t 39313 66654 92641
SILICA SAND t 2017282 2545969 1904771
SAND (OTHERS) t 2026477 1191854 1386559
SALT (ROCK) t 1620 1813 3073
SLATE t 6841 11381 4093
STEATITE t 688135 726398 749969
SHALE t 1276207 1897969 2385580
LATERITE t 638220 828179 704290
DUNITE t 27731 31040 21925
PERLITE t 283 279 334
PYROXENITE t 256381 240391 241749
SELENITE t 18759 19740 6956
SULPHUR (3) t 102977 108856 113904
VERMICULITE t 5499 4493 3273
WOLLASTONITE t 178298 150814 172530

