

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1683  
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PRODUCTION OF ALUMINIUM  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the International Aluminium Industry (IAI) report has stated that in 2002 there has been an 18-fold expansion of world aluminium production since 1950;
- (b) if so, whether multinational companies such as the Arab Aluminium Company are entering into agreement with Indian firms to mine bauxite for the production of aluminium;
- (c) if so, whether a large scale mining of bauxite to meet the demand of developed world will devastate the environment specially the areas rich in bauxite such as Kashipur, Kodingamali in Orissa; and
- (d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to stop devastation of land and water as well as the displacement of local population by large scale bauxite mining?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES ( DR. T.SUBBARAMI REDDY)

- (a): Aluminium production has increased from 15,07,000 Metric Tons in 1950 to 2,61,01,000 Metric Tons in 2002 as per information made available by International Aluminium Institute (IAI).
  - (b): As per available information, a multinational company from the Middle East is seeking joint venture with an Indian company for production of alumina/aluminium in Orissa.
  - (c) & (d): The mining is done only after approval of a mining plan including a progressive mine closure plan, by Indian Bureau of Mines which deals with scientific mining, conservation of minerals and the environment management activities. Besides this, Ministry of Environment & Forests also gives environmental clearance without which no mining activity can commence for fresh areas.
- Government of Orissa has, in place, a comprehensive Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy of 1998, which ensures that the interests of the displaced persons are taken care of.