

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT EXPORT OF MARBLE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the States where marble is being exported at present;
- (b) The steps being taken by the Government to promote Marble Industry in the country especially in Rajasthan;
- (c) Whether the Government propose to ban import of marble;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The major marble bearing state in the country is Rajasthan and, hence, most of the export of marble and marble products is originating from Rajasthan. Small quantities of marble and marble products originating from Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Gujarat are also exported.

(b) Ministry of Mines has constituted a Group on Marble Development

(GMD) under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) having representatives of State Governments, Ministry of Commerce, Geological Survey of India, Indian Bureau of Mines and Industry as Members. The Terms of Reference of GMD includes, inter alia, recommending measures for speedy development of marble and upgradation of technology and scientific exploitation of marble. Marble is a minor mineral under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals

(Development & Regulation) Act (MMDR Act), 1957 and, therefore, State Governments are empowered to frame rules for grant of mineral concession for marble. However, Ministry of Mines has notified the Marble Development Conservation Rules, 2002 under Section 18 of the MMDR Act, 1957 for conservation and systematic development of and scientific mining to conserve the marble resources and provide a uniform frame work with regard to systematic and scientific exploitation of marble throughout the country.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to ban the import of marble.