

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TECHNOLOGY FOR MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to adopt lay hold technology for opening of new mines/development of existing mines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the time by which such proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d): The technology and investment required for exploration and mining varies for different minerals and areas. Under the liberalised economic environment, investment decisions, including choice of technology, are taken by the entrepreneurs based on their techno-economic judgements and commercial considerations. The Government has announced the National Mineral Policy, 2008 which enunciates policy measures in order to reduce impediments to investment and technology flows in the mining sector in India. The National Mineral Policy, 2008 enunciates that mine development and mineral conservation as governed by the rules and regulations will be on sound scientific basis, with the regulatory agencies, viz. Indian Bureau of Mines and the State Directorates, closely interacting with R&D organisations, and scientific and professional bodies to ensure optimal Mining Plans. In addition, the Policy seeks to strengthen the indigenous industry for the manufacture of mining equipments and machinery.