

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
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ILLEGAL MINING

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether illegal mining has caused huge losses to the national treasury;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the State Governments have been given the right to enact laws to prevent illegal mining; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the State Governments which have enacted laws in this regard so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): As per section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (“**MMDR Act 1957**”), State Governments are empowered to make rules for prevention of illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals for both major and minor minerals and for purposes connected therewith. Therefore, information regarding the cases of illegal mining is not maintained centrally. However, based on the information received from the State Governments in the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted to Indian Bureau of Mines (a subordinate office under the Ministry), year-wise details of cases of illegal mining detected and action taken by State Governments are given in Annexure.

As per information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines, 21 State Governments namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Telengana, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand & West Bengal have framed the rules to curb illegal mining under section 23C of the MMDR Act, 1957.

Year wise cases of Illegal Mining for both Major & Minor Minerals and action taken

Illegal mining cases								Action taken from 2013-14 to 2018-19			
S. No	State	2013 – 14	2014 – 15	2015 – 16	2016- 17	2017-18	2018- 19	FIR Lodge d (Nos.)	Court Cases Filed (Nos.)	Vehicle Seized (No.)	Fine realized by State Govt. (Rs. Lakh)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.
2	Andhra Pradesh	7692	9379	9953	9703	8128	7644	32	19	440	38064.695
3	Assam	0	0	0	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	0	0	0	0
4	Chhattisgarh	3994	4953	5862	4794	4857	5060	2	29477	1138	4743.754
5	Goa	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
6	Gujarat	5447	5716	6499	8325	7827	7679	542	48	29627	30979.080
7	Haryana	4548	5333	3912	1345	1391	1380	988	0	0	4318.352
8	Himachal Pradesh	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	783	1753	590	0	410	4	69.771
9	Jammu & Kashmir	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	1485	n. r.	0	0	1485	15.896
10	Jharkhand	901	1162	1645	838	2772	3132	3810	975	8847	3933.925
11	Karnataka	8509	8464	9185	5692	4669	4101	3692	906	12132	14296.615
12	Kerala	4448	4172	3701	4861	8315	7797	0	0	0	14980.600
13	Madhya Pradesh	6725	8173	13627	13880	15205	16405	542	52803	3005	152108.531
14	Maharashtra	36476	32717	33621	31173	26628	13436	4462	1	174051	44863.330
15	Mizoram	21	26	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	1	0	0	1.537
16	Odisha	76	104	62	45	47	29	2	4	83	1750.327
17	Punjab	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r	n. r	n. r	n. r
18	Rajasthan	2953	2945	3661	3945	6632	17118	4400	75	299927	20208.558
19	Sikkim	0	0	0	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	0	0	0	0
20	Tamilnadu	1078	205	58	87	132	113	31461	48	68924	22997.992
21	Telangana	-	3311	6538	5839	6143	6553	0	0	4	7198.900
22	Uttar Pradesh	8718	10024	11575	5737	20214	24455	1239	4862	0	21010.100
23	West Bengal	n.r.	n. r.	575	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	575	0	218	0
Grand Total		91587	96684	110476	97047	116198	115492	51749	89628	599886	381541.963

n. r. – quarterly return not received