

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2994
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017
ILLEGAL MINING OF IRON ORE

2994. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cases relating to illegal mining of iron ore detected/reported in the country during the last three years; and
- (b) the number of cases registered in the matter and the follow up action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): As per section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957, State Governments have been empowered to make rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals and for the purposes connected therewith. Prevention and control of illegal mining comes under the administrative and legislative jurisdiction of State Governments.

Based on the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted by various state governments to Indian Bureau of Mines (**IBM**) (a subordinate office of the Ministry of Mines), the details of instances of illegal mining (both major minerals and minor minerals) reported in various parts of the country and the action taken by State Governments, for the years 2013-14 to 2016-17 are given in **Annexure**.

Statement showing Year wise and State wise Cases of Illegal Mining for Major & Minor Minerals

Illegal mining cases						Action taken from 2013-14 to 2016-17			
Sr. No	State	2013 –14	2014 – 15	2015 – 16	2016-17	FIR Lodged (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.
2	Andhra Pradesh	7692	9379	9953	9703	3	4	2	12868.52
3	Assam	0	0	0	n. r.	0	0	0	0
4	Chhattisgarh	3994	4953	5862	4794	2	19560	1138	3006.76
5	Goa	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
6	Gujarat	5447	5716	6499	8325	318	29	16802	13182.89
7	Haryana	4548	5333	3912	1345	593	0	0	3615.92
8	Himachal Pradesh	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	0	0	0	0
9	Jharkhand	901	1162	1645	694	2226	343	2964	346.95
10	Karnataka	8509	8464	9185	5692	1439	458	10895	9316.15
11	Kerala	4448	4172	3701	4861	0	0	0	5860.78
12	Madhya Pradesh	6725	8173	13627	13880	482	36884	2978	67068.01
13	Maharashtra	36476	32717	33621	31173	697	1	133987	25009.31
14	Mizoram	21	26	n. r.	n. r.	1	0	0	1.537
15	Odisha	76	104	62	45	0	4	76	1048.05
16	Punjab	n.r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r.	n. r	n. r	n. r	n. r
17	Rajasthan	2953	2945	3661	3945	2379	35	9420	5824.79
18	Sikkim	0	0	0	n. r.	0	0	0	0
19	Tamilnadu	1078	205	58	56	10734	1	35166	12285.82
20	Telangana	-	3311	6538	5839	0	0	3	4907.31
21	Uttar Pradesh	8718	10024	11575	5737	562	439	0	9333.57
22	West Bengal	n.r.	n. r.	575	n. r.	1132	0	218	0
Total		91587	96684	110476	96089	20569	57758	213650	173676.40

n. r. – quarterly return not received.