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(iii) Cement grade limestone : In Nimbh Dungar, Jaitwas and Pohar areas Jaisalmer district, W. Rajasthan 260 million tonnes;

(iv) Granite as dimensional stones: A total of 1384 "million cu.m in 86 sq.km area in Banner, Jaisalmer, Ajmer and Alwar district.

2 Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL)

(i) Lignite: Gadiyala, Bithnok Extn. Girirajsar and Sindhari Blocks in Bikaner Dist.—380.29 mt.

(ii) Copper: Singhana and Surhari Blocks of Jhunjhunu districts—22.12 mt.

(iii) Lead-zinc : Kayar, Ajmer, district—10.14 mt.

3. Department of Mines and Geology, Rajasthan

(i) Lignite : Nagur and Bikaner districts—43 mt.

(ii) Limestone (SMS grade) : Jaisalmer district—130 mt.

(iii) Limestone (cement grade) : Jodhpur and Jaisalmer districts—1200 mt.

(b) to (d) The following steps have been taken by the Central Government and the State Government of Rajasthan to explore and exploit the mineral wealth in this state:—

(i) GSI has carried out investigations for limestone in Jaisalmer District. Lignite, bentonite and fullers earth are being investigated in Sanchor area of Banner District. The dimension stones are also being investigated in Banner and Jaisalmer districts.

(ii) GSI is continuing investigation by drilling for gold in the extension areas of Bhukia Block in Banswara District and for base metals in Dariba Bethumni Belt of Rajsamand District.

(iii) Regional exploration for lignite in Sanchor Basin located in the southern part of Banner District.

(iv) In Ajmer-Samber Lake area Hindustan Zinc Ltd. has carried out aerial survey with Geotem Survey, whereby geophysical anomalies were located. These anomalies are being followed on ground by further geophysical survey and test drilling.

(v) In a joint venture between HZL-BHP about 10,117 sq.km area in Rajasthan will be covered by aerial survey as a part of phase-III to locate new mineral deposits.

Profit and Loss Making Units of BAC and NAC

†2229. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of profit making and loss making units of Bharat Aluminium Company and National Aluminium company;

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- (b) the details of their profits and losses during the last five years;
- (c) the names of units for which action is being taken to entrust them to private sector; and
- (d) the details of action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) and National Aluminium Company (NALCO) are integrated aluminium producing companies and the profits earned by them during the last five years is given below:—

Profit before Tax
(Rs. in Crores)

Year	BALCO	NALCO
1994-95	90.51	300.17
1995-96	163.65	535.28
1996-97	126.31	555.91
1997-98	134.86	625.43
1998-99	134.35	337.22

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to hive off individual units within BALCO & NALCO to entrust them to private sector.

Bauxite Reserves in Madhya Pradesh

†2230. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

- (a) the places in Madhya Pradesh where bauxite reserves have been found;
- (b) the names of reserves where mining is being carried out at present;
- (c) the quantum of bauxite produced in the State and the quantum imported from outside the State, during the last three years; and
- (d) the details regarding assigning of the mining work of this mineral to the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) The recoverable reserves of Bauxite in Madhya Pradesh are located in the districts of Balaghat, Bastar, Bilaspur, Guna, Jabalpur, Mandla, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Rewa, Satna, Shahdol, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Surguja and Vidisha.

(b) The Bauxite produced in Madhya Pradesh at present is from the districts of Bastar, Bilaspur, Jabalpur, Katni, Mandla, Rewa, Satna, Shahdol, Sidhi and Surguja.

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