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Machya Pradesh	Muariya block	1.32 (Basemetal ore)
Haryana	Mahendragarh	2.12 (copper)

AMD has confirmed that uranium deposits have been established in ten States of the country including Rajasthan. As on date a total of 1,41,937 tonnes of uranium oxide has been established in various States of the country which is as follows:

State	Uranium Oxide (in tonnes)
Andhra Pradesh	60,244
Jharkhand	48,074
Meghalaya	17,252
Rajasthan	5,675
Karnataka	4,682
Chattisgarh	3,986
Uttar Pradesh	785
Himachal Pradesh	784
Maharashtra	355
Uttarakhand	100
TOTAL	1,41,937

Many of the deposits established in the country are economically viable provided large scale modern mining and beneficiation technology is adopted.

Vacancies of SCs/STs

2537. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in different grades in his Ministry for the SCs and STs grade-wise;

(b) since when these posts are lying vacant and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these vacant posts are likely to be filled up either by open recruitment of special recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The grade-wise details of vacancies for SCs and STs in the Ministry of Mines are as follows:

Sl. No.	Grade	No. of vacancies/ category	Since when lying vacant	Reasons therefor
1.	Section Officer	1 for ST	1.7.2006	Retirement/promotion
2.	Steno Grade 'C'	1 for SC	1.7.2009	Retirement/promotion
3.	Upper Division Clerk	1 for SC	1.7.2009	Retirement/promotion

(c) Since Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Personnel & Training fills up these posts on centralized basis, no time limit for filling up of the aforementioned posts can be given by this Ministry.

Closure of mines due to environmental issues

2538. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any notices for the closure of mines on environmental issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such mines closed/still in operation in various States particularly in Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the time frame by which such polluting mines would be closed down?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) As per available information, pursuant to court orders mining operations have been stopped in total 948 mines in Haryana, Maharashtra and Rajasthan on environmental grounds.

Ban on asbestos mining

†2539. SHR KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.