

- Making Quality issues an integral part of all Field Season Programme (FSP) related activities and quality review to be taken up in all Mid Term Review (MTR), Regional Advisory Council (RAC), Head of the Department(HoD), Quarterly Progress Review (QPR), Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) and its Committees meetings.
- Carrying out of sample studies for assessing the ground situation.

(e) Quality improvement is a continuous process. The High Powered Committee on restructuring of GSI made specific recommendations on the need to improve quality on all aspects of GSI's functioning and a multipronged effort has been initiated, based on the initiatives mentioned in answer to part (c) and (d) of this question. It is expected that as the quality improvement processes become internalized, benchmarks of quality standards will be evolved along with standardization of processes, with a view to ensuring progressively, quality control, quality management, quality assurance and quality certification for the various services and products of GSI.

Environmental levy on mines

1565. SHRI MP ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Environment and Forests has suggested to make it mandatory to charge an environmental levy from the miners; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The Government has constituted a Group of Ministers to consider various view points on the draft Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2010, and give its recommendation to the Government. Since the draft Act is under consideration, specific measures and details are not yet finalised.

Action plan for mining in Jharkhand

1566. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive action plan exists, regarding mining of important minerals available in Jharkhand;