

**Leasing out of iron ore mines**

†2755. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information or figures regarding leasing out of iron ore mines for mining purposes in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines to the State Governments in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) During the last three years, Central Government has approved the following proposals received from State Government of Jharkhand for grant of mining lease for iron ore:—

Sl. No.	Name of applicant	Name of mineral	Area/distt.
1.	Shri Bachan Singh	Iron ore	106.59 Acres, Latehar
2.	M/s Usha Martin Industries Ltd.	Iron ore & Manganese ore	383.20 Acres, West Singhbhum
3.	M/s Balaji Industries Products Ltd.	Iron ore & Manganese ore	420.95 Acres, West Singhbhum
4.	M/s Prasad Group Resources Pvt. Ltd.	Iron ore & Manganese ore	275.23 Acres, West Singhbhum
5.	M/s Niranjana Hi-Tech Ltd.	Iron ore & Manganese ore	356.18 Acres, West Singhbhum
6.	M/s A.M.L. Steel & Power Ltd.	Iron ore & Manganese ore	383.54 Acres, West Singhbhum

(c) The applications for grant of mining leases are received and processed by the State Governments. Mining leases are granted by the State Government concerned following the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules made there under which prescribe detail procedure and conditions for grant of mineral concessions. Only for a select number of minerals specified in the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act, prior approval of the Central Government is required before grant of mineral concessions by the State Governments. Even in cases of prior approval, the grant of mining lease and execution of lease deed with the lease-holder is done by the concerned State Government as per the laid down procedure under the Act and the Rules framed there under.

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