

#### **Limestone mining**

2111. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gujarat Government has recommended a proposal for inclusion of limestone minerals and grant of relaxation under provisions of section 6(1)(B) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to GMDC for limestone mineral from the existing lignite mining lease at village Tadkeshwar, Distt. Surat; and

(b) if so, by when the permission is likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approval of the Central Government for the said proposal has been conveyed on 10.8.2011.

#### **Utilisation of funds for minorities**

†2112. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that funds released by the Central Government to the States under various schemes are not being fully utilized for welfare of minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA) :  
(a) to (c) Under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs in 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) of 20 States/UTs, the total allocation for the 11th Five Year Plan is Rs. 3780 crore. Under this programme, district plans worth Rs. 3340.19 crores have been approved and Rs. 2455.67 crore has been released to the States/UTs on the basis of approved Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). Details of amount released by this Ministry and utilized by the States/UTs during the last three years and the current year under MsDP programme are as under :

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Amount released by the Centre (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure reported by State (Rs. in crore)
2008-09	270.85	268.75
2009-10	971.94	648.18
2010-11	913.23	258.00
2011-12	299.65	-
Total	2455.67	1174.93

The utilization certificate for the funds released in 2010-11 would be due on 1st April 2012. There is some delay in utilization of funds released under MsDP during 2008-09 and 2009-10 by the States due to slow progress of work during the General Election. Some of the works taken up under MsDP like ITIs, polytechnics, hostels have long gestation period leading to delay in utilization of the funds. There is some delay in release of funds by the States to the districts/implementing agencies, which has led to delay in utilization of funds.

Under the scholarship schemes run by the Ministry, the details of funds released and scholarships awarded are as under :

*The detail funds released and scholarships awarded under the various Scholarship schemes for students belonging to the minority communities during the last four years*

Year	Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme		Post-matric Scholarship Scheme		Merit-cum-means based Scholarship Scheme	
	Total No. of beneficiaries	Funds released (Rs. in Cr.)	Total No. of beneficiaries	Funds released (Rs. in Cr.)	Total No. of beneficiaries	Funds released (Rs. in Cr.)
2007-08	Started in 2008-09	24868	9.63	17258	40.80	
2008-09	512657	62.21	170273	70.63	26195	64.73
2009-10	1729076	202.94	364387	148.74	35982	97.42
2010-11	4421571	446.25	525644	228 <sup>1</sup> .97	41056	108.75
Total	6663304	711.40	1085172	457.97	120491	311.70

The Central Government releases equity contribution to National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC). So far, an amount of Rs. 875.36 crore has been released to NMDFC as equity against which an amount of Rs. 1,702.13 crore has been disbursed by the NMDFC for the benefit of 7,19,429 minorities. The year-wise details of equity contributed by the Central Government and the funds disbursed by the NMDFC during the 11th Five Year Plan is given below :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount received from	Amount disbursed by
	GOI	NMDFC
2007-08	70.00	144.12
2008-09	75.00	130.72
2009-10	125.00	197.74
2010-11	115.00	233.26
2011-12 (up to 30.11.11)	115.00	80.63
Total	500.00	786.47

#### Fund utilization under MsDP

2113. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no State in the country, except Odisha has utilized more than 50 per cent of funds allocated by the Central Government under the Multi-sectoral Development Programme(MsDP) for minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has identified 90 districts in some States that have 25 per cent minority population; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the follow up actions taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA):

(a) to (b) No, Sir. The States of Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal and Jharkhand besides Odisha have utilized more than 50% of the funds released to them under MsDP