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- (x) The Central Government through the IBM has also constituted Special Task Forces for inspection of mines in endemic areas, which has conducted inspections in a total of 454 mines in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Jharkhand and Gujarat and suspended 155 mines under rule 13(2) of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 (MCDR) due to serious violations, and has further recommended to the State Governments for termination of 8 leases.

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(d) and (e) Apart from the advisory and coordinating activities of the Central Government to help State Governments to curb illegal mining, the Central Government has initiated the following measures to strengthen monitoring of the mining activities in States through amendment in Rule 45 of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988, on 9.2.2011 making it mandatory for all miners, traders, stockist, exporters and end-users to register with IBM and report their transaction in minerals on monthly basis for a proper end-to-end accounting of minerals. As on 19.3.2012, out of 9390 mining leases in the country, 7896 mining leases have registered online with the IBM. The IBM has suspended 1460 mines for non-compliance and initiated prosecution in 4 cases and recommended 21 cases to State Governments for termination. IBM has also requested the State Governments not to issue transit passes for movement of minerals to unregistered persons.

Illegal mining

2720. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal minings in various States have taken a very large proportion depriving the country a huge national wealth;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to adopt measures to stop illegal mining and also claiming of national loss;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINESHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Illegal mining primarily results in loss of royalty revenues to the State Governments. The details on royalty revenue loss are not centrally maintained.

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The Central Government has also set up Shri Justice M.B. Shah Inquiry Commission for illegal mining of iron ore and manganese vide gazette notification dated 22.11.2010. The Commission submitted its First Interim Report to the Ministry of Mines, which has been laid before the Lok Sabha on 20.12.2011 alongwith the Memorandum of the Action Taken. The Commission has so far visited States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Odisha. The Commission has recently submitted its first report on its findings in the State of Goa.

Apart from the above, the Central Government has also taken the following steps to curb illegal mining:

- (i) State Governments were asked to frame rules to control illegal mining as per Section 23 C of MMDR Act (so far 18 States have framed Rules).
- (ii) State Governments were requested to set up Task Forces at State and District level to control illegal mining since the year 2005 (so far 21 States setup Task Forces).
- (iii) State Governments were advised to set up State Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (SCEC) to coordinate efforts to control illegal mining by including representatives of Railways, Customs and Port authorities (13 State Governments have set up such Committees).
- (iv) All State Governments advised to adopt an Action Plan with specific measures to detect and control illegal mining including, use of remote

sensing, control on traffic, gather market intelligence, registration of end-users and setting up of special cells etc.

- (v) Ministry of Mines has so far held five meetings with the State Governments to specifically review the action taken by the State Governments on illegal mining on 3.8.2009, 27.11.2009, 22.2.2010, 16.4.2010 and 21.9.2010. This periodical review has been dovetailed in the meeting of Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee meetings.
- (vi) A Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee set up under Secretary (Mines) on 4.3.2009 has held eight meetings on, 24.7.2009, 22.12.2009, 18.6.2010, 22.12.2010, 3.5.2011, 20.9.2011, 16.1.2012 and 27.3.2012 to consider all mining related issues, including matters relating to coordination of activities to combat illegal mining.
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Programmes and Projects of NMDFC

2721. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the capital of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC);