

SPECIAL MENTIONS**Demand to give clear guidelines on debt relief to persons affected due to stoppage of mining activities in Goa**

SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK (Goa): Sir, it is well known that Goa mining issue is lingering in the State of Goa for quite some time. It started with an order passed by Goa Government suspending all mining operations in the State. Thereafter, Environment Ministry passed an order to the same effect by quoting legal provisions.

Subsequently, the Supreme Court has given a judgment which requires quite some time to make it enforceable.

Goa Government has advised nationalized banks to write off the loans obtained by owners of trucks, barges, etc. Goa Government has not been able to get any package from the Central Government. They are promising debt relief from banks but have not obtained any assurances from banks or RBI. They also tried to convince cooperative banks but cooperative banks have their limitations as they have to go by RBI Guidelines.

Number of those directly or indirectly depending upon mining business is around three lakhs. Since there is no circulation of money, business of small traders has minimized. Families of truck and barge owners have no money to pay for the educational needs of their children and, even in some cases, bring home the regular quota of ration has become a problem.

Representatives of mining labourers held demonstrations in Goa but their issues have remained unresolved.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to issue necessary instructions to RBI in the matter.

RBI being an independent institution, Goa Government should also try to impress upon Union Finance Ministry requesting them to consider the case of persons affected on account of stoppage of mining activities in Goa.

Demand to build an international airport in Anand district of Gujarat

श्री लाल सिंह वडोदिया (गुजरात) : महोदय, देश में कुछ ऐसी विभूतियों का जन्म हुआ है, जिनकी ख्याति में उनके समय में कौन कहे, आज भी कोई कमी नहीं आई है। गुजरात राज्य में स्थिति हमारे जनपद आनन्द में भी ऐसी ही एक विभूति का जन्म हुआ था, जिनको पूरा देश आज भी उसी आदर व सम्मान के साथ याद करता है, वे हैं प्रातः स्मरणीय श्री सरदार पटेल। इनका गांव करमसद भी आनन्द जिले में ही स्थित है, जो आनन्द से मात्र 6 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर है। उनका प्रारम्भ का कार्यक्षेत्र भी आनन्द जिला रहा है। गुजरात राज्य में आनन्द एन.आर.आई.