

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Minerals	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jharkhand	167	0.010	34.260	79	131	5.00
Minor	Odisha	18	0.105	113.51	0	0	82.62
Minerals	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jharkhand	1478	0.471	85.540	517	98	108.07

(-) details with respect to major minerals and minor minerals not reported by State Government.

Mining of blue sapphire in Jammu

1976. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state whether Government plans to explore the mining of World Class blue sapphire in Pader region of Kishtwar district of Jammu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): Under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, the State Governments grant the mineral concessions such as non-exclusive reconnaissance permits, prospecting licence-cum-mining lease and mining Lease. The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed that they have planned to explore the mining of blue sapphire in Pader region of Kishtwar district of Jammu.

Ratification of International Solar Alliance's framework agreement

1977. SHRI T. RATHNAVEL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given its *ex-post facto* approval to the proposal of the Ministry for the ratification of the International Solar Alliances framework agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the benefits the country would gain from such framework in the field of solar energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 28 December 2016, ratified signing of the Framework Agreement signed by India to join the ISA (International Solar Alliance).