

Sanctioning new mines

†1999. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state: the details of number of new mines of iron-ores and other minerals sanctioned for Government and private sectors during last three years, the State-wise and the estimated number of direct and indirect employment likely to be created when these mines get operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): As per the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957 and the Rules framed there-under, the State Governments are devolved upon the responsibility to grant mineral concessions for the minerals located within their respective boundaries, in accordance with the prescribed law. This information is not centrally maintained by Ministry of Mines. However, as per the information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), 27 mining leases of iron ore and 132 mining leases of other minerals were sanctioned during the last three years for Government and private sector. As per IBM, it is estimated that 11989 number of direct employment is likely to be created after these mines get operational.

Mining sector in India

2000. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of logistical inefficiencies in transportation of coal from its place of origin to destination;

(b) if so, Government's proposal to check the inefficiencies to prevent loss of valuable natural resources;

(c) whether Government is looking for alternatives of Railways, as it undertakes the majority of transportation activities; and

(d) if not, measures which Government has envisaged to fine-tune the operations of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) There has been no logistical inefficiencies at Coal India Limited (CIL) regarding transportation of coal to its various consumers.

However, it is stated that the responsibility of arranging transportation from the coal sidings/mine stock to the end use point lies with the consumer.

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