

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2849
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FUNDS UTILIZED BY INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES

2849 SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned and utilized by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is underutilization of funds by IBM during the last year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government will take to fully utilize allocated funds by resolving constraints?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

- (a): The details of funds sanctioned and utilized by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) during the last three years is as below:-

(In Crores)			
Financial Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure
2018-19	129.08	107.09	103.17
2019-20	124.31	109.11	94.55
2020-21	128.31	94.00	85.67

- (b): Yes, Sir. There was under utilization of funds during the year 2020-21 under the following object heads:-

(In Crores)				
S.N.	Object Heads	BE	RE	Actual Expenditure
I	Mining Tenement System	13.50	2.10	1.11
II	SCPSC	2.38	2.38	0
III	TASP	1.23	1.23	0
IV	OCE (NER)	1.55	0.25	0
V	Motor Vehicles	2.50	1.00	0
VI	Machinery & Equipment	2.00	0.50	0.07

- (c): The actual expenditure of IBM during the year 2020-21 was Rs. 85.67 Crore as against the BE of Rs.128.31 Crore and RE of Rs. 94.00 Crore. The under utilization was due to;

Mining Tenement System- Scheme No. 5: Due to stoppage of work for Mining Tenement System (MTS) by implementing agency M/s Wipro, progress in implementation of MTS was affected. The work has been re-allotted to NIC.

Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (SCPSC) & Tribal Area Sub-Plan (TASP): IBM has no scope of expenditure under its schemes which may provide direct

benefits to SCs & STs. Ministry transferred TASP funds to Geological Survey of India (GSI) for fully utilization.

Other Capital Expenditure (NER): IBM does not implement Schemes in any region of the country. It has miniscule presence in NER, where only one Regional Office is located at Guwahati. It is not possible to fully spend fund allocated for NER.

Motor Vehicles: Non-materialization of purchase of vehicles was due to Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines issued by Department of Economic Affairs O.M. No. 12(13)-B (W&M)/2020 dated 8th April, 2020 and subsequent instructions for expenditure control under Cash Management System in central Government during the year 2020-21.

Machinery & Equipment: Procurement process of machinery & equipment for Ore Dressing laboratory was not materialized as GeM vendor could not deliver the items due to Covid-19 restrictions.

(d): Steps are being taken for starting procurement process well ahead of time. The progress of expenditure is being regularly monitored at IBM Headquarters as well as Ministry level.
