

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2524**  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022  
**IRON ORE MINING IN GOA**

2524 SHRI LUIZINHO JOAQUIM FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to recommence the iron ore mining in Goa;
- (b) whether people centric mining controlled by people led corporation will be started;
- (c) whether the mining affected people will be accommodated in the process of recommencement of mining in Goa; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to compensate the mining affected workers after the recovery of illegal mining as per the CAG Report?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Yes, Sir. As per the information provided by State Government of Goa, the State Government has initiated the process for auction of mineral blocks in the State.

(b): As per the information provided by State Government of Goa, the State Government has notified "The Goa Mineral Development Corporation Act, 2021" in the Official Gazette of Goa on 15.09.2021.

(c): As per the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, the State Governments are responsible for grant of mineral concessions through a transparent e-auction process. State Government of Goa has informed that the State will explore all possibilities to safe guard the welfare of the mining affected people.

(d): As per the information provided by the State Government of Goa, the investigation of the report on Shah Commission on illegal mining is with the Special Investigating Team. Further, State Government of Goa has implemented the following schemes to give relief to the mining affected people:

- Debt Relief Scheme to give financial relief to the barge owners, mining machinery owners and truck tipper owners. So far Rs. 110.19 crores have been sanctioned.
- Financial relief to 6999 truck owners amounting to Rs. 147.73 crores.
- Financial assistance to 2000 mining affected unemployed workers amounting to Rs. 20.96 crores.

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