AMENDING FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT TO EXPLOIT MINERALS

*129. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether States have sent any proposal or gave any suggestion to amend the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 so that mineral resources can be fully exploited and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether a permanent system or forum will be established to review the royalty rates of major minerals of the States; and
(c) if so, the details of measures undertaken to protect and promote the interests of States in view of (a) and (b) above?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR MINES, STEEL AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.129 FOR REPLY ON 16.7.2014 REGARDING AMENDING FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT TO EXPLOIT MINERALS ASKED BY SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:

(a): No Sir.

(b): No Sir.

(c): Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

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