BAUXITE MINING

4313. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI: SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

a) whether the Aluminium based industries have been affected on a large scale due to shortage of bauxite in the country including Chhattisgarh and Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the production of bauxite during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the bauxite mining in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) & (b): The year-wise production, export and import of bauxite are as under:

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The production of bauxite has been rising over the last few years. India is a net exporter of Bauxite. At the overall level, there does not appear to be a shortage of bauxite in the country.

(c): The Government has amended Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. This will boost the mining sector which includes bauxite.

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