

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 473
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th JULY, 2014**

MINERALS FROM EAST AFRICA

473. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of **MINES** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has been exploring the possibilities for acquisition of certain minerals from abroad especially from East African countries;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with Memorandum of Understanding, if any, signed with East African countries to get the mineral resources from there?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES, STEEL AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)**

- (a) The Ministry of Mines has been participating in the annual mining convention 'Mining Indaba' in South Africa to expose Indian companies to the mining sector in Africa.
- (b) Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Coal have general Memorandum of Undertaking with the Republic of Mozambique. Similarly the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has a general Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of Sudan.
