GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 848
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH JULY 2014

PRIVATIZATION OF MINES

848. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY:
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to privatize the mines;
(b) the norms at present to lease the mines of various minerals;
(c) the number of cases of violations of lease agreement by the lesasors after May, 2014;
(d) the names of the companies who violated the conditions of the agreement; and
(e) the actions taken against the violators?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES, STEEL AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
(Shri Vishnu Deo Sai)

(a): No Sir.

(b): The norms to grant mining lease are governed by the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957; the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960; and the instructions/guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines from time-to-time.

(c) to (e): As per Rule 31 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 where a mining lease is granted in respect of land in which the minerals vest in the Government, a mining lease deed is executed between the State Government and the lessee; compliance by the lessee of the covenants and agreements of such a lease deed is monitored by the State Government. Details of breach of any of the covenants or agreements of the lease deed as also the action taken against the lessee are available with State Governments and are not maintained Centrally.

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