

## SPEAKER DROPS PARRIKAR FROM PAC

Panaji, Oct. 7: In a late evening development, Leader of the Opposition in Goa Assembly Manohar Parrikar (BJP) was replaced as the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) hours after he questioned the Speaker's action of not tabling the panel's report on illegal mining.

BJP MLA Vijay Palkhot will be the new PAC chief.

The PAC, headed by Mr Parrikar, had submitted a detailed report on Rs 4,000-crore illegal mining rackets, but Speaker Pratapsingh Rane refused to table it.

The Congress MLAs on the PAC had questioned the report. Three Congress members — Agnelo Fernandes, Victoria Fernandes and Francis Silveira — refused to sign it.

Another PAC member, MGP legislator Dipak Dhavalikar too objected to the report. MGP is a coalition partner in the Congress-led state government. Mr Parrikar submitted the report to Speaker Rane during the session.

Mr Rane, however, withheld it, pointing out the objections by majority Congress members. The session ended on Friday.

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Mr Khot represents Canacona constituency.

Other BJP members from the existing PAC — Damodar Naik and Francis D'Souza — too have been replaced.

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### **Sesa Goa sales dip 14.84% in Jul-Sep**

Vedanta Group firm Sesa Goa on Friday reported a 14.84 per cent year-on-year decline in sales of iron ore to 1.55 million tonnes during the quarter ended September 30, 2011. The company had reported sales of 1.82 million tonnes during the corresponding quarter last fiscal. However, it managed to achieve higher sales realisation from Karnataka during the quarter, at 0.71 million tonnes, vis-a-vis 0.45 million tonnes of iron ore sales in Q2 of FY11, Sesa Goa said in a statement.

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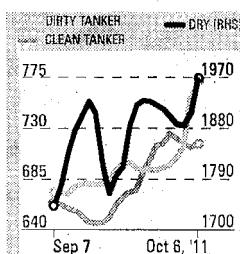
As on Oct 7	International	Domestic
<b>METALS (\$/tonne)</b>		
Aluminium	2,170.00	2,603.74
Copper	7,095.50	9,194.47
Nickel	18,730.00	22,681.04
Lead	1,944.50	2,318.96
Tin	22,150.00	26,240.85
Zinc	1,843.50	2,441.01
Steel-HRC	707.00	895.13
Gold (\$/ounce)	1,651.98*	1,671.58
Silver (\$/ounce)	32.00*	34.19
<b>ENERGY</b>		
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	106.10*	101.24
Natural Gas (\$/mmBtu)	3.55*	3.62
<b>AGRI COMMODITIES (\$/tonne)</b>		
Wheat	228.87	224.17
Maize	250.24*	199.45
Sugar	652.70*	593.88
Palm oil	940.00	1,079.64
Rubber	3,968.25*	4,312.45
Coffee Robusta	1,997.00*	2,069.98
Cotton	2,254.22	2,262.63

Conversion rates: 1) 1 ounce = 31.1032316 gm  
2) 1 US dollar = ₹49.16 \*As on Oct 7, 1800 hrs IST  
Notes: 1) International metal are LME spot prices and domestic metal are Mumbai local spot prices except for steel.  
2) International crude oil is Brent crude and domestic crude oil is Indian basket.  
3) International natural gas is Nymex near month future & domestic natural gas is MCX near-month future.  
4) International wheat, white sugar & coffee robusta are LIFFE future prices of near-month contract.  
5) International maize is MATIF near month future, rubber is Tokyo-TOCOM near-month future and palm oil is Malaysia FoB spot price.  
6) Domestic wheat & maize are NCDEX future prices of near-month contract, palm oil & rubber are NCDEX spot prices.  
7) Domestic coffee is Karnataka robusta and sugar is M30 Mumbai local spot price.  
8) International cotton is cotton no.2-NYBOT near-month future & domestic cotton is NCDEX spot prices.  
9) International metals, Indian basket crude, Malaysia palm oil, wheat LIFFE and coffee Karnataka robusta pertains to previous days price.  
Source: Bloomberg Compiled by BS Research Bureau

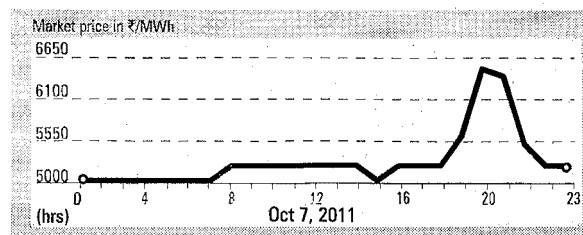
## BALTIC EXCHANGE INDICES

	Oct 6, 11	chg%*
Baltic Dry	1967	3.09
Baltic Supramax	1519	0.53
Baltic Panamax	1869	2.75
Baltic Capesize	3162	3.91
Baltic Handysize	770	0.79
Baltic Clean Tanker	716	0.42
Baltic Dirty Tanker	767	1.46

\* over previous close



## ELECTRICITY TRADING AT IEX



## खनन कंपनी के एमडी की अनुपस्थिति से जज नाखुश

बेंगलुरु (एजेंसी)। लोकायुक्त अदालत ने जेंटाकल खनन कंपनी के प्रबंध निदेशक विनोद गोयल के पेश नहीं होने पर अपनी नाराजगी जाहिर की और उनकी जमानत याचिका पर आदेश 17 अक्टूबर तक टाल दिया। गोयल की 30 सितम्बर को अनुपस्थिति के चलते अदालत को आदेश शुक्रवार तक के लिए टालने पर विवश होना पड़ा था।

शुक्रवार को मामला जब एक बार फिर सुनवाई के लिए आया तो न्यायाधीश केएन सुधींद्र राव ने गोयल की गैर हाजिरी पर नाराजगी जताई। उनके वकील टोमी सेबेस्टियन और विनय कीर्ति ने स्वास्थ्य कारणों का हवाला देकर न्यायाधीश से अपने मुवक्किल को पेशी से छूट देने का आग्रह किया। इस पर जज ने कहा कि अदालत आरोपी के खिलाफ वारंट जारी कर सकती है। गोयल के वकील की ओर से बार-

बार आग्रह किए जाने पर न्यायाधीश ने मामले की सुनवाई 17 अक्टूबर तक के लिए टाल दी और आदेश दिया कि उस दिन गोयल हर हाल में पेश होना चाहिए। गोयल के वकील सेबेस्टियन ने दंड प्रक्रिया संहिता की

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संबंधित धाराओं के तहत यह कहकर अपने मुवक्किल को व्यक्तिगत पेशी से छूट देने के लिए आवेदन दायर किया कि बाथरूम में गिरने के बाद से वह पीठ दर्द से पीड़ित हैं।

अधिवक्ता विनोद कुमार ने पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री एचडी कुमारस्वामी के खिलाफ शिकायत दायर की थी कि उन्होंने एक निजी हाउसिंग को ऑपरेटिव को थोक के भाव भूमि आवंटन किया और अपने मुख्यमंत्रित्व काल में नियमों में ढील देकर जेंटाकल खनन कंपनी के खनन लाइसेंस के नवीनीकरण का आदेश दिया था।

## अवैध खनन घोटाले पर गोवा विस में हंगामा

पणजी (एजेंसी)। अवैध खनन के मुद्दे पर लोक लेखा समिति की रिपोर्ट पर विचार नहीं करने की विधानसभा अध्यक्ष प्रतापसिंह राणे की कार्यवाही पर विपक्षी भाजपा के सदस्य सदन से वाकआऊट कर गए।

विधानसभा अध्यक्ष ने शून्यकाल के दौरान हुई चर्चा में उस वक्त हस्तक्षेप किया, जब विपक्ष के नेता और समिति के अध्यक्ष मनोहर परिकर तथा स्वास्थ्य मंत्री विश्वजीत राणे के बीच अवैध खनन के मुद्दे पर तीखी बहस हो गई। स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ने कहा कि मीडिया इस घोटाले में अनावश्यक रूप से उनका नाम घसीट रहा है। परिकर के आरोपों का हवाला देते हुए मंत्री ने दावा किया कि भाजपा नेता खुद ही अवैध खनन में संलिप्त हैं।

वहीं, मुख्यमंत्री दिगंबर कामत ने जवाब देते हुए कहा कि सरकार नियमों का उल्लंघन करने वालों के खिलाफ सख्ती से पेश आएगी। इससे पहले राणे ने कहा कि अवैध खनन कार्य के खिलाफ सख्त कार्रवाई की जानी चाहिए, क्योंकि गोवा की बदनामी हो रही है।

## Row over Goa mining report

GOA Speaker Pratapsingh Rane on Friday refused to table in the assembly the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report on illegal mining, saying the "majority members of the committee had said they have not read the report and not signed it".

The report, which exposed the ₹4,000-crore illegal mining scam, allegedly points fingers at chief minister Digambar Kamat and his government.

PAC chief Manohar Parrikar alleged that the Speaker was "in league with the government" and stalled the report because "he is trying to pro-

tect someone".

He said the Speaker had no right to stop the report from being tabled as it was the property of the House. "It has to be decided by the House whether to accept or reject it," he said.

Rane, however, said since members did not want the report tabled, he would take it to analyse it. His decision led angry Opposition members to stage a walkout.

Parrikar later said the Speaker had committed a breach of privilege by terming the final PAC report a draft report.

*Shweta Kamat in Panaji*



■ Agarwal: jolt?

### **SESA GOA SALES DOWN 14.8% IN JUL-SEP QUARTER**

**NEW DELHI:** Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Group firm Sesa Goa on Friday reported a 14.8% year-on-year decline in sales of iron ore to 1.5 million tonnes during the quarter ended September 30, 2011. The company had reported sales of 1.82 million tonnes during the corresponding quarter last fiscal.

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# Parikkar Removed as PAC Chief After Controversy

Speaker refuses to place report in House saying majority panel members have opposed it

## OUR POLITICAL BUREAU

PANAJI

Goa's Opposition leader Manohar Parrikar was replaced as the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee by his party colleague Vijay Pai-Khot, hours after he questioned the Speaker's action of not tabling the panel's report on illegal mining.

Parrikar-headed PAC had submitted a detailed report on ₹4,000-crore illegal mining rackets, but Speaker Pratapsingh Rane refused to table it.

The Congress MLAs on the PAC, Agnelo Fernandes, Victoria Fernandes and Francis Silveira questioned the report and refused to sign the report. Another PAC member, Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party's Dipak Dhavalikar, too objected to the report. MGP is a coalition partner in the Congress-led state government.

Parrikar submitted the report to Speaker Rane though it did not have the signature of 4 out of the 7

## No Discussion

**SPEAKER PRATAP SINGH**  
Rane told Manohar Parrikar, who headed the PAC on illegal mining in the state, that "he has to see the report."

**OPPOSITION EXPRESSED**  
dissatisfaction over the speaker's conduct, before staging a walkout in protest.

**THE PARIKKAR-LED PANEL**  
had claimed that annually iron ore worth 200 crore was being illegally exported from Goa ports.



FILE PHOTO

members in the committee, almost in a repeat show of what his senior party colleague MM Joshi did at the Centre on the 2G scam report. Speaker Rane, however, withheld the report, pointing out the objections by majority members. The session ended Friday.

Khot represents Canacona constituency. Other BJP members from the existing PAC, Damodar Naik and Francis D'Souza, too have been replaced.

Parrikar earlier maintained that it was not within the powers

of the Speaker to hold back the report. Rane retorted to this saying, "If you want to talk about it, come to my chamber."

Opposition members staged a walkout in protest in the House. After BJP legislators left, Rane told the House that a majority of the PAC members had raised an objection over the report. "When I have received letters from the committee members saying they have not seen or signed the report, it's my duty to scrutinise the report," he said.



## 21 सौ टन लौह अयस्क जब्त

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एसडीएम व खनिज विभाग की टीम ने बड़वारा थाना अंतर्गत मझगंवा के पास एक प्लॉट पर बुधवार दोपहर छापामार कार्रवाई करते हुए अवैध भंडारण कर रखा गया करीब 21 सौ टन लौह अयस्क जब्त किया है।

कार्रवाई के दौरान एक क्रेशर को जब्त कर प्लॉट का सील कर दिया गया। खनिज अधिकारी जेके सोलंकी ने बताया कि मझगंवा गांव में कटनी निवासी किसी गोप साजवानी के प्लॉट पर आयरन ओर का भंडारण कर रखा गया था। जहां पर छापामार कार्रवाई करते हुए 21 सौ टन आयरन ओर सहित क्रेशर जब्त किया गया है। जब्त किए गए आयरन ओर की अनुमानित कीमत करीब 20 लाख रुपए आंकी

गई है। खनिज अधिकारी ने बताया कि आयरन ओर कन्हवारा कला से आया था। जिसे भंडारण कर प्लॉट पर रखा गया था। साथ ही जिस क्रेशर से उस प्लॉट पर काम चल रहा था कि उसकी अनुमति भी खनिज विभाग से नहीं ली गई है। सोलंकी ने यह भी बताया कि इस पूरे मामले में प्लॉट मालिक गोप साजवानी के खिलाफ कार्रवाई होगी। जिस प्लॉट पर अवैध भंडारण कर आयरन ओर रखा गया था वहां के चौकीदार से खनिज अधिकारी द्वारा पूछताछ की गई। जिसमें उसने बताया कि वह तो सिर्फ चौकीदारी करता है। इसके अलावा उसे यह जानकारी नहीं कि आयरन ओर अवैध है कि वैध। पूरे मामले की जांच की जा रही है।

(पत्रिका रिपोर्टर)

● Crisis in Kalane, Sindhudurg

# Maharashtra going the Goa, Bellary way

Mining firms encroach on plots of  
villagers; officials turn a blind eye

Alok Deshpande ● MUMBAI

Maharashtra is in danger of facing a grave ecological disaster sooner than later. With mines in Goa in the eye of a storm and likely to face closure following revelations of rampant illegal mining in the state, companies have now set their eyes on Sindhudurg in Maharashtra to carry out illegal mining.

The Kalane mine in Sindhudurg is a glaring example of how companies 'grab' land from poor villagers in the name of business. On his visit to Kalane, this correspondent found that the mine has encroached on lands of farmers who had refused to sell their plots for mining purposes.

The state government had granted mining lease for over 32 acres of land in Kalane — situated in the Sawantwadi-Dodamarg zone. The region has the thickest forest cover in Sindhudurg district. Subsequent protests by people and their refusal to sell their plots meant that only 19 hectares came under actual mining.

But Minerals and Metals, the company which holds the lease for the Kalane mine, encroached on six to seven acres of land in the past year despite protests by villagers.

"The company has chosen a simple strategy. The silt from the mine is dumped on the adjacent land. Once that is done, the land becomes the company's property. It has been using this method for almost a year now and expanding the mining area," said Ramakant Desai, a villager.

## IN GOA...

The Goa assembly's public accounts committee probing the Rs3,500 crore illegal mining industry cited a nexus between politicians and officials for the scam.

The PAC did not name Goa's CM Digambar Kamat, who has been holding the mining portfolio for the last 12 years, in its report.

Two ministers who have been accused of the scam do not find a mention either. p11

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## Maharashtra hotbed of land-grab for mining

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He even had a copy of a letter from the district collector, saying that the administration will ensure that encroachment of land will not take place in future. But now there is no assurance of even getting the encroached land back, said Desai. The government officials paid heed to the complaints of the villagers only after they went on a fast to protest against the encroachment of land. The collector in February issued an order to measure the land. This correspondent was denied entry into the mine by security guards and not allowed to meet the company's representatives.

Vice-president of the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee Rohidas Patil's son Vinayak is a stakeholder in Kalane mines. "It is true that the collector came and measured the land, but we had convinced the farmers to allow us to use their lands," said Vinayak. However, three families of farmers whose land has been snatched told DNA that they did not give permission to Patil to use their plots.

"No action has been taken against the guilty. We were only told that such things will not happen in the future. Are we supposed to remain silent and face this dictatorship?" asked Sampada Desai, Kalane sarpanch.

# Vedanta firms report a mixed Q2 on output front

## Mining ban hits Sesa Goa; Hind Zinc, Sterlite production up

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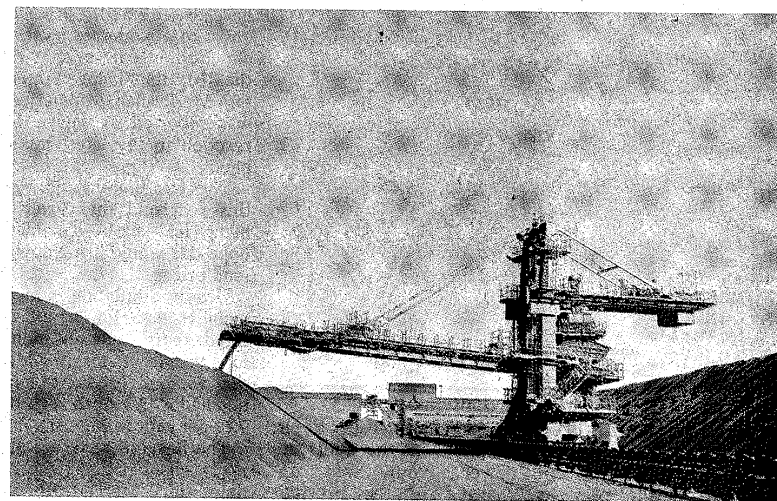
Vedanta Group companies Hindustan Zinc, Sesa Goa and Sterlite Industries have recorded a mixed trend in production during the second quarter this fiscal.

Hit by the iron ore mining ban in Karnataka, Sesa Goa reported its production had more than halved in the September quarter to 1.12 million tonnes (mt) against 2.88 mt in the same period last year. Sales dropped 15 per cent to 1.55 mt (1.82 mt).

On August 26, the Supreme Court banned iron ore mining and allowed sale of inventory by an appointed agency through e-auction. The company's iron ore sales in Karnataka were higher at 0.71 mt (0.45 mt) in the September quarter, while in Goa it was down 10 per cent at 0.83 mt (0.92 mt). Sales outpaced production due to the planned cut in inventories, Sesa Goa said in a press release on Friday.

### HIND ZINC PRODUCES MORE

Refined zinc output was five per cent higher at Hindustan Zinc in the September quarter, at 185,000 tonnes (176,000 tonnes), on the back



of improved operations at its hydro smelters.

Mined metal production was higher by two per cent at 210,000 tonnes, as normal production commenced at Rampura Agucha in Rajasthan after it was shut down for maintenance in Q1.

Refined lead production improved six per cent to 17,000 tonnes (16,000 tonnes) after the new 100,000 tonnes per annum Dariba lead smelter went on stream during the

quarter. The company's annual lead production capacity stands revised at 185,000 tonnes.

Silver production rose 12 per cent to 49,000 tonnes (44,000 tonnes) mainly due to improved silver content in the mined ore, said the company. The output is expected to touch 500 tonnes by the end of this year with the commissioning of a silver refinery and production ramp-up to 2 mtpa at its Sindesar Khurd

(SK) mine in Rajasthan.

### COPPER OUTPUT UP 28%

Copper cathode production at Sterlite Industries' Tuticorin plant was 28 per cent higher at 87,000 tonnes, largely due to a drop in production the previous year during a bi-annual maintenance shutdown.

Mined metal production at the company's Australian subsidiary was down 29 per cent at 5,000 tonnes in Q2.

The company expects to commission the first unit of a 160-MW captive power plant at Tuticorin in the March quarter this fiscal.

### ALUMINIUM DOWN 8%

Balco's aluminium production was down 8 per cent at 60,000 tonnes in Q2. The cost of aluminium production has risen substantially due to higher coal prices, the company said. The first of four 300-MW captive units is expected to be synchronised in the third quarter of this fiscal.

### POWER SALE IMPROVES

The company has sold 1,748 million units (463 million units) of power in Q2 mainly due to the new 2,400-MW power plant at Jharsuguda in Orissa. However, coal supplies to Jharsuguda were adversely affected due to heavy rainfall in the coal belt, affecting the rated capacity, the company said. The third unit of 600 MW at Jharsuguda is expected to be commissioned in the December quarter.

Shares of Sterlite Industries jumped nine per cent to Rs 113, Sesa Goa up six per cent at Rs 204, and Hindustan Zinc rose four per cent to Rs 118 on Friday.