GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 708
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH APRIL, 2015

NUMBER OF IRON ORE MINES IN GOA

708. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
(a) the total number of iron ore mines in Goa;
(b) the total number of mines in operation;
(c) by when the mines not in operation are going to commence their operations; and
(d) the details of legal/administrative issues to be resolved before all the mines are brought under operations?

ANSWER

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

(a): As informed by the Government of Goa, at present, there are 271 iron ore valid mining leases in the State of Goa.

(b): No iron ore mine is in operation in the State of Goa at present.

(c) and (d): No time frame can be indicated since mining operations are done by the mining lease holders. The mining lease holders have to obtain necessary approvals / clearances under various statutory laws such as Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957, Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, Environment (Protection) Act 1986 and rules made thereunder before commencement of mining operations, as applicable.

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