1062. **SHRI AVINASH PANDE:**

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the State Governments that have not yet formulated Rules on the setting up of District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) and payment of royalty thereto under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended in 2015; and

(b) the reasons for the non-formulation of the abovesaid rules?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): As per the newly inserted section 9B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, State Governments are empowered to frame rules for the composition and functions of the District Mineral Foundation (DMF). All State Governments have been accordingly advised to frame the necessary rules.

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Although drafting rules is within the purview of the State Governments, Ministry of Mines has taken the initiative of preparing a Model DMF Trust Deed which has already been circulated to the State Governments and has also been uploaded on the Ministry’s website. The Ministry is also in regular touch with the State Governments for setting-up of DMFs.

The rate of contribution to DMF is required to be decided by the Central Government. The DMFs will become operational once the state governments frame rules in this regard and notify the setting-up of the DMFs in the state.