

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2660
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST 2015**

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MINING LEASE PERIOD

2660. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 2015;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to increase the mining lease period from 20 years to 50 years; and
- (c) if so, the details of the sectors in which mining lease period is to be increased from 20 years to 50 years?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (**MMDR**) Act, 1957 was amended through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 which came into effect from 12th January, 2015.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir. As per section 8A(2) all mining leases, granted after the commencement of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, shall be granted for a period of fifty years. As per section 8A (3), all mining leases granted before the commencement of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 shall be deemed to have been granted for a period of fifty years.
