

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2663
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST 2015

ILLEGAL MINING

2663. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases of illegal mining are rising continuously in the country thereby causing huge loss of revenue to Government every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a more stringent legislation is required to be brought to stop illegal mining; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957, State Governments have been empowered to frame rules for regulating and controlling illegal mining. As such, regulation and control of illegal mining comes under the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of State Governments.

Based on the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted by various State Governments to Indian Bureau of Mines (a subordinate office under the Ministry of Mines), state-wise details of instances of illegal mining reported in various parts of the country for last three years along with the details of action taken against the violators is given in **ANNEXURE**.

(c) & (d): 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. The Amendment Act has, inter alia, stringent punitive provisions for combating illegal mining. Illegal mining has been made punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees per hectare of the area. Provisions have been made for setting up of Special Courts for the purpose of providing speedy trial of offences relating to illegal mining.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2663 FOR
REPLY ON 12.08.2015 REGARDING 'ILLEGAL MINING' ASKED BY SHRI PRABHAT JHA**

Statement showing Year wise State wise Cases of Illegal Mining for Major & Minor Minerals

Illegal mining cases						Action taken from 2011-12 to 2013-14, 2014-15 (Quarter ending December 2014)			
Sr. No.	State	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (Quarter ending Dec. 2014)	FIR Lodged (Nos.)	Court Cases Filed (Nos.)	Vehicle Seized (No.)	Fine realized by State Govt. (Rs. Lakh)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3	0	n.r.	n.r.	0	0	0	0.05
2	Andhra Pradesh	19913	16592	7692	7281	2	1	2	8400.429
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Chhattisgarh	2946	3238	3996	3500	89	12177	0	2313.043
5	Goa	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	3485	6023	5447	4335	248	28	9218	42021.94
7	Haryana	2022	3517	3589	4006	569	0	0	2689.62
8	Himachal Pradesh	1289	0	n.r.	n.r.	186	186	0	38.52
9	Jharkhand	364	663	901	768	1395	37	854	246.05
10	Karnataka	6691	6677	8509	6608	574	549	12755	7198.40
11	Kerala	3175	4550	4448	3312	0	0	0	2031.93
12	Madhya Pradesh	7147	7169	6725	5883	61	26644	528	12933.57
13	Maharashtra	40642	42918	36476	0	122	0	117291	14988.43
14	Mizoram	2	16	21	17	0	0	0	1.697
15	Odisha	309	314	76	70	8	8	519	1130.56
16	Punjab	314	19	n.r.	n.r.	74	0	61	45.80
17	Rajasthan	1201	2861	2953	2339	2191	72	2678	4009.728
18	Tamilnadu	123	295	1078	155	4367	1	37283	10865.368
19	Telangana	-	-	-	2379	0	0	0	281.83
20	Uttar Pradesh	4708	3266	6777	8030	0	0	0	6044.94
21	West Bengal	269	479	n.r.	n.r.	929	93	815	0
Grand Total		94604	98597	88689	48683	10815	39796	182004	115241.905