

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 278**  
ANSWERED ON 27/11/2024

**MINERAL MINING LICENCING**

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) the rationale for maintaining the current decentralized approach to mineral licensing without consultations with the stakeholders involved;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted consultations with the State Governments, mining industry stakeholders and legal experts on this matter; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the outcomes of such consultations and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) to (c) The Parliament has enacted the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 [MMDR Act, 1957] to provide for the development and regulation of mines and minerals. The mineral concessions are granted by the respective State Governments in accordance with the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957. The MMDR Act, 1957 was amended with effect from 12.01.2015 whereby auction regime was introduced for grant of mineral concessions. The objective of the said amendment was to bring in greater transparency and to enhance the revenue share to the State Governments from mining sector. Granting of Mineral Licensing (Mining Lease) is a State subject. The State Government grants the mineral mining licenses to the Mining industries/ companies for carrying out mining operations in the mining lease area. After implementation of Atomic Mineral Concession Rules (AMCR-2016), the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) recommends the issuing of Mining Lease to the Government companies for Atomic Minerals. Comments/suggestions of the stakeholders viz, Central Government Ministries/Departments, State Governments and Union Territories, mining industry, industry associations, general public, and other persons and entities concerned are sought on the proposal at the time of amendment in the provisions of the Acts and the rules framed thereunder.

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