

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 186**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

**BAN ON MINING IN GOA**

\*186. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that over six lakh people have lost their livelihoods due to the mining ban in Goa;
- (b) if so, legislative measures taken by Government till now or action plan proposed to address this issue; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1953, so that mining operations can be resumed in Goa?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER FOR MINES, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 186 REGARDING 'BAN ON MINING IN GOA' ASKED BY SHRI. SANJAY SINGH, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR REPLY ON 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018.**

(a): In the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. M/s Sesa Sterlite Ltd. & Ors. in Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No. 32138 of 2015 with SLP (C) Nos. 32699-32727 of 2015, Writ Petition (C) No. 711 of 2015 and Writ Petition (C) No. 720 of 2015, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 07.02.2018 had cancelled 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal of 88 mining leases in the State of Goa and directed to stop all mining operations with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 until fresh mining leases are granted. As per the information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a sub-ordinate office under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines, no mining activity is presently taking place in the State of Goa for any major mineral. Government of Goa has intimated that, the closure of mining activities has resulted in loss of large number of jobs.

(b) to (c): A proposal has been received from the Government of Goa to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in order to tide over difficulties faced by the State Government on account of closure of mining operations. The said proposal is under examination in the Ministry of Mines.

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