

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2024
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

CEILING OF ANNUAL EXTRACTION OF MINERALS

2024. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of annual extraction ceiling set, State-wise/region-wise and mineral-wise;
- (b) the criteria used for determining the ceilings, and the authority which identifies the ceiling;
- (c) whether there is any delay and, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken for setting the ceiling?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): The Central Government has not set any State-wise /region-wise and mineral-wise annual extraction ceiling.

However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, as per the report submitted by Central Empowered Committee constituted under its direction, has imposed the annual extraction ceiling as given below:

S. No.	State	District	Mineral	Ceiling in million tonnes	With effect from
1	Karnataka	Bellary	Iron ore	28.00 million tonnes	14.12.2017
		Tumkur & Chitradurga	Iron ore	7.00 million tonnes	14.12.2017
2	Goa	North Goa & South Goa	Iron Ore	20 million tonnes	21.04.2014

The ceilings have been determined by the Central Empowered Committee constituted under the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the interest of sustainable development & inter-generational equity. In the process, following criteria is used to determine ceiling:

- a) Based on the reserves (as per approved mining plan).
- b) Based on the area available for active over burden/waste dumps and sub grade iron ore dumps.
- c) Based on the transportation facilities vis-à-vis traffic load of the mining lease.
- d) Permissible annual production.
- e) Adjustment for the ceiling for the total annual production for the district.
- f) Carrying capacity of the area.
