

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.436**  
FOR ANSWER ON 15/03/2012

**ACQUISITION OF ORE-MINES BY SAIL**

436. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the green panel has not given clearance of SAIL's acquisition of three ore-mines in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been granted 13 iron ore mining leases (Chiria-6 leases, Gua-4 leases and Kiriburu-Meghahatuburu mines-3 leases) in the State of Jharkhand. The renewal of mining leases is pending with State Government except one lease i.e., Budhaburu lease of Chiria for which in-principle approval has been granted.

Environmental Clearance (EC) has been obtained for 3 leases of Kiriburu-Meghahatuburu mines and for 3 leases of Chiria mine. Environmental Clearance proposals for 1 lease of Chiria and 1 lease of Gua mine are awaiting approval of Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). In respect of 3 leases of Gua, MoEF has asked State Government to take appropriate control measures.

Similarly, Forest Clearance (FC) for 2 leases of Kiriburu and Meghahatuburu mines is valid. However, for main working lease, Stage-I Forest Clearance has been granted by MoEF for existing as well as new pits (South-Central Blocks) for which compliance of conditions is pending because of finalization of Wildlife Conservation Plan (WCP) by the State Govt.

Forest Clearance for Dhobil lease of Chiria mine is valid. However, for another 3 leases, Stage-I Forest Clearance has been granted by MoEF for which compliance of conditions is under progress.

Forest Clearance of 2 leases of Gua are pending with MoEF for grant of Stage-I Forest Clearance. However, for another two leases MoEF has asked State Government for clarifications.

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