

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1835
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

DMF FOR WELFARE OF MINING-AFFECTED AREAS

1835. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) to ensure the welfare of mining-affected areas especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof project and district-wise particularly for districts Dhule and Nashik project;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and utilised, project-wise, particularly for Dhule and Nashik districts of Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any measures to make the foundation more effective; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to address the issue?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) The Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) 2015 Amendment Act mandates establishment of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) in mining-affected districts for the benefit of persons and areas affected by mining operations across the country including Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) The district-wise project details including those for Dhule and Nashik districts of Maharashtra are available at <https://mines.gov.in/webportal/content/state-dmf>.

(d) and (e) The Government issued revised PMKKKY guidelines in January 2024 to make the DMFs more effective, transparent and accountable. The guidelines provide for clear demarcation of directly and indirectly affected areas, mandatory allocation of at least 70% of DMF funds in directly affected areas and high-priority sectors, etc. Further, these guidelines also mandate for creation of an Endowment Fund, restriction on fund transfer from DMF to the State Exchequer or State level fund, establishment of a State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) and audit of DMF accounts by the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG).
