GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026

DISPOSAL OF LEGACY DUMPS

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SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Government policy regarding the commercial disposal of legacy dumps arising from mining operations particularly in Rajasthan;
(b) the estimated impact of this policy on boosting domestic mineral production and ensuring the structural safety of mines;
(c) the specific regulatory protocols and procedures established to facilitate the transparent sale of mineral waste; and
(d) the details of the expected contribution from the sale of legacy dumps to the non-tax revenue of the concerned State Governments particularly for the State of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a) & (b): The Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 [MMDR Act, 1957] has been amended through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2025 with effect from 01.09.2025. Through the said Amendment Act, lessees have been allowed to sell legacy dumps which have been stacked in the captive leases subject to payment of additional amount specified in the Sixth Schedule of the MMDR Act. The amendment is applicable to mines in the country including Rajasthan. The reform is envisaged to increase mineral production and supply of minerals in the market, ensure optimal mining of mineral resources, reduce environment hazards, increase safety in mine workings, and provide additional revenue to the States.

(c): The necessary provisions for sale of minerals including legacy dumps from captive mines is provided in Rule 12B of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016. Further, Rule 12(1)(k) of the said Rules provides for manner of disposal of overburden or the waste rock or the mineral below the threshold value.

(d): The revenue from the mining operations including royalty and payment of Sixth Schedule charges accrue to the respective State Governments and their actual quantum is based on the actual mining activities.

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