

review and revise the State Governments' recommendation, after giving opportunities of hearing to the aggrieved parties.

- (d) There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Mines.

Sharing of royalty and profits with displaced persons

867. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to earmark 100 per cent mining royalty paid by major mineral mining companies to compensate people displaced by such projects;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also considering to earmark 26 per cent of the profits made by mining companies in favour of people directly affected by the coal/mining projects;

- (d) whether mining companies had opposed the move; and

- (e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (e) The Government is considering legislation which includes proposal for sharing mining benefits with the local population in terms of policy guidelines enunciated in the National Mineral Policy, 2008, which states that a mechanism will be evolved which would actually improve the living standards of the affected population. The legislation has been prepared after taking into account the views of various stakeholders, including mining companies. The draft legislation was referred to a Group of Ministers (GoM) set up by the Government on 14.6.2010. The said GoM held five rounds of detailed discussions and on 7.7.2011 has recommended the draft Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2011 to be placed before the Cabinet. The Bill is proposed to be introduced in Parliament as per prescribed procedure, after obtaining Cabinet approval. The details of provisions as they stand in the draft MMDR Bill at present are by their nature secret, since the draft MMDR Bill is in the process of Cabinet approval.

Acquisition of agricultural land for mining

868. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy in regard to taking over agricultural land for allocation to corporate houses for mining purposes; and