

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 97
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2012

BAN ON THE EXPORT OF MONAZITE

*97. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has imposed a ban on the export of Monazite from the country;
- (b) if so, the immediate steps taken by Government to check extraction and export of Monazite from the country by a large number of private companies; and
- (c) if not, the details of private companies involved in export of this mineral?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.97 FOR ANSWER ON 29.11.2012 BY DR. CHANDAN MITRA REGARDING BAN ON THE EXPORT OF MONAZITE.

- (a) No Sir. Export of Monazite has not been banned by the Government. Since Monazite is a prescribed substance, the export of Monazite is regulated under the provisions of Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the rules framed thereunder.
- (b) Since Monazite is a "Prescribed Substance", no Company or entity can extract, process, export or otherwise handle monazite without obtaining licence from the Department of Atomic Energy.
- (c) For export of monazite, which is a prescribed substance, licence from the Department of Atomic Energy under the Atomic Energy Act is required. Indian Rare Earths Ltd. (IREL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy is the only entity which has been authorised for export of monazite.
