

### **To Open Mining in Faridabad**

**\*58. SH. NEERAJ SHARMA, M.L.A.:** Will the Mines and Geology Minister be pleased to State whether it is a fact that the mining has been stopped in Faridabad area; if so, the reasons thereof togetherwith the steps taken by the Government to open the mining in the above said area?

**Mool Chand Sharma, Minister of Mines, Haryana**

Sir, a statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Reply by Mool Chand Sharma, Minister of Mines, Haryana.**

Sir, the mining in the Aravalli hill areas in the districts of Faridabad as well as in districts of Gurugram and Nuh is lying closed since May 2002/Feb 2009 due to various legal challenges pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Government has taken up the matter with the Attorney General of India through the Standing Counsel of the State at New Delhi for getting the matter listed and decided.

Presently the mining of sand from the riverbed area of Yamuna River, District Faridabad is lying closed as the sand mining areas after termination/cancellation of earlier contracts are being surveyed afresh in accordance with Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Changes, Government of India and relevant order dated 05-04-2019 of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on sand mining.

Keeping in view the issues related about area, replenishment of mineral etc., entire riverbed area is being got re-verified/ checked with the help of satellite imageries through the Haryana Space Applications

Center (HARSAC) to ensure that no dispute arises post auction/ grant of mineral concession.