14	Sector:	Mining and Quarrying
	Sub-Sector:	Mining of uranium and thorium ores.
	Industry Classification:	NIC: 14 ISIC: 0721, 099
	Type of Reservation:	National Treatment (Article 85) Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 86) Prohibition of Performance Requirement (Article 89)
	Measures:	Uranium and Thorium ores are "atomic minerals" under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR Act), 1957
	Description:	Under the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, the reconnaissance or prospecting or mining operations can be undertaken only pursuant to a licence and consequent lease and no person shall undertake any reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in any area, except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of reconnaissance permit or of a prospecting licence or, as the case may be, a mining lease, granted under the MMDR Act, 1957 and the rules made thereunder. Government shall not grant reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence or mining lease to any person unless such person: (a) is an Indian national, or a Company as defined in sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956; and (b) satisfies such conditions as may be prescribed. Provided that in respect of any mineral specified in the First Schedule of MMDR Act, 1957, no prospecting licence or mining lease shall be granted except with the previous approvals of the Central Government. *Explanation* – For the purposes of this reservation, a person shall be deemed to be an Indian national: (a) in the case of a firm or other association of individuals, only if all the members of the firm or members of the association are citizens of India; and (b) in the case of an individual, only if he is a citizen of India. A State Government may either with the previous approval of the Central Government or at the instance of the Central Government impose such further conditions as may be necessary in the interests of mineral development, including development of atomic minerals (Mineral Concession Rules 1960).