

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MINERAL SURVEY BY GSI IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has undertaken any mineral survey in Orissa during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken for the exploitation of coal in those areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASHAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India(GSI), a subordinate organisation under the administrative control of the Department of Mines has undertaken mineral survey in Orissa during the last three years.

(b) : Investigations were carried out for PGE (Platinum Group of Elements) in Baula-Nuasahi area, Keonjhar District, for Gold in Mayurbhanj & Malkhangiri Districts, for Manganese in Bolangir & Sundargarh Districts, for Diamond in Bolangir, Bargarh, Sonepur, Kalahandi, Jharsuguda, Koraput & Nawarangpur Districts, for Dimension Stones in Koraput & Rayagada Districts, for Iron Ore in Sundargarh & Keonjhar Districts, for Chromite in Jajpur & Dhenkanal Districts and for Coal in Talcher and IB-River coalfields.

As a result of these surveys the following mineral reserves have been estimated:-

1. 2.06 million tonnes of Manganese ore in Bolangir District.
2. A indicated resource of 14.2 million tonnes of Platinum Group of Metals (Platinum and Palladium) Ore in Baula-Nuasahi area, Keonjhar District.
3. 2274.08 million tonnes of Coal in Talcher & IB-River Coalfields.

(c) : Exploitation of minerals / deposits does not come under the purview of GSI.