

[English]

K.V.C. Centre in Bhanjanagar, Orissa

2015. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Council of Agricultural Research has not released the amount from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Centre in Bhanjanagar in Orissa and as such the work could not progress; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The grants for the year 1985-86 in respect of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Bhanjanagar (Ganjam), Orissa, have already been released to Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubneshwar.

(b) Question does not arise.

#### Discovery of Gold Mines

2016. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the details of the areas explored for gold in the country and the prospects of the discovery of gold mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : The following are the places/areas where gold exploration has recently been carried out by GSI, MECL, etc :—

1. Hutti, Buddini, and Kadoni blocks in the Hutti-Maski Schist belt, Raichur district, Karnataka.
2. Hosur Champion and Yelli-shirur blocks in Gadag Schist belt, Dharwar district, Karnataka.
3. Parts of Kolar schist belt in Jainapur, Manglur East and West.

4. Kudrekonda-Palavanahalli, Honnehatti Tammadhali and Singanamane areas, Shimoga district, Karnataka.

5. Mukangovi blocks in Manglur schist belt, Gulbarga District, Karnataka.

6. Chigargunta and Mallapkonda areas, Chittoor district, Ompratima-Gantalappa block in Ramgiri Gold Field, Anantpur district, Andhra Pradesh.

7. Nilambur area, Mallapuram district in Kerala.

8. Sonapet valley, Singhbhum district.

9. Telkoi and adjacent areas Keonjhar district, Orissa.

2. Reserves in million tonnes with gold content in grams per tonne is as follows :

(Reserves established by GSI)

(i) 0.564 for Hutti block with 2.85 to 4.39 gms per tonne.

(ii) 4.18 for Chigargunta with 4.6 gm./tonne.

(iii) 0.54 for Hosur Champion with 4.6 gm./tonne.

(Reserves established by MECL)

(i) 0.77 in Mallapakonda area with 2.47 gm./t.

(ii) 0.63 in Chigargunta block-I with 7.69 gm./t.

(iii) 36,000 tonnes in Yerappa-Gantalappa block, Ramagiri area with 2 gm./t.

3. At present GSI and MECL is engaged in exploration for gold in various parts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Chandigarh