

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023

GOLD MINES

1007. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has found any locations in the Country for Gold mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a possibility of starting Gold mining in a location in Andhra Pradesh adjoining Kolar in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry is planning to meet out the requirements of Gold in the country through mining again including the Kolar Gold Fields; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (e): As per the information available with the Ministry, the details of resource bearing Geological Reports for gold handed over by Geological Survey of India and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) to various States since FY 2015-16 is given in Annexure. During 2016-18 MECL has undertaken detailed exploration over the tailing dumps of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. at Kolar Gold Field and estimated 24279 kg Gold from tailing dumps. However Beneficiation studies undertaken by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, indicates that only 54% of gold content is recoverable. In addition to these, 42 Geological Memorandums of G4 level of exploration for the mineral gold have also been handed over to States for which resources have not been estimated.

As per the information provided by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the State Government has completed the auction process and issued Letter of Intent for Chigurugunta-Bisnatham Gold Block in favour of M/s, National Mineral Development Corporation Limited.

Details of resource bearing Geological Reports handed over by Geological Survey of India/ Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited to the respective State Government since FY 2015-16:

Sl. No.	State	District	Name of Mineral Block / Area/ Belt	Stage of exploration	Year of Handing Over
1	Jharkhand	East Singhbhum	Preliminary exploration for gold in Bhitari Dari block, East Singhbhum District, Jharkhand	G3	03.06.2020
2	Karnataka	Tumkur	General exploration for gold in Ajjanahalli Block-E, Tumkur district, Karnataka.	G2	28.06.2018
3	Karnataka	Tumkur	Investigation for gold in Ajjanahalli block - G, Tumkur district, Karnataka	G2	25.04.2019
4	Madhya Pradesh	Sidhi	General Exploration for Gold Mineralisation in Chakariya block, Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh.	G2	02.01.2018
5	Madhya Pradesh	Katni	General Exploration for Gold, Silver and Basemetal in Imaliya block, Sleemanabad area, Katni District, Madhya Pradesh	G2	02.01.2018
6	Karnataka	Hassan	Kempinkote Gold Block	G2	August 2017