

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
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LITHIUM RESERVE IN J&K

267. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK DEV:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has calculated the actual amount of Lithium which is found in Jammu & Kashmir; and

(b) the time by which the mining is likely to be started along with the mining cost per ton and the market price per ton at present?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): GSI has estimated an inferred resource (G3) of 5.9 million tonnes of lithium ore with an average grade of 583 ppm with a cutoff of $\text{Li} \geq 200$ ppm within bauxite in Salal-Haimna areas of Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir.

(b): The central government had put the lithium block of Jammu & Kashmir for auction. However, the auction was not successful. Only after the block is successfully auctioned, the lessee will carry out mining and subsequently production. The mining cost per tonne will be estimated by the lessee. The market price of lithium carbonate in the international market is around USD 15,000 per tonne.
