

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

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DIAMOND MINES
PRENEET KAUR

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have carried out any survey in the existing ancient diamond mines in Hirakud of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether his Ministry has explored the possibility for commercial mining in the area; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d) : Government has so far not carried out any survey regarding diamond bearing areas in Hirakud (Orissa), as there is no reliable information on its availability.