GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF NEW MINES IN SINGHBHUM
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been conducted for opening of new mines in Singhbhum region of Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES

(SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Geological Survey of India (GSI) , a subordinate organisation under the Department of Mines has conducted preliminary mineral surveys for gold, basemetal, nickel and dimension stone in Singhbhum region of Jharkhand with the objective of augmenting mineral resources. However, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), a public sector undertaking under this Department has carried out detailed exploration for copper and gold in Singhbhum district of Jharkhand State.

The block wise reserves estimated are given below:

District Mineral Block Reserves (million tonnes) Grade Singhhum Copper ore Turamdih-Bayanabil 3.61 0.92 - 1.49% Copper Sidheshwar Block-I&II 7.25 1.65 - 1.83% Copper Surda 20.73 1.20% Copper Pathrgora 9.65 1.51% Copper Dhadikidih Ph-I&II 9.25 1.12% Copper
Gold ore Kundarkocha 0.01 13.11% Gold