

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

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HIGH PRECISION LABORATORIES ANALYSIS OF MINE SAMPLES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have set up high precision laboratories for analysis of samples from mines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the norms laid down for setting up of said laboratories;
- (d) the funds allocated for the purposes;
- (e) whether any private sector companies are also involved in this venture; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith investment ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES ( SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD )

(a) to (f) : Besides the laboratories set up by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) the Government has set up high precision laboratories for analysis of samples from mines in the country under two subordinate organizations falling under the Department of Mines, Ministry of Coal and Mines namely Geological Survey of India and Indian Bureau of Mines. The GSI laboratories are located at Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Faridabad and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) laboratories are located at Nagpur, Ajmer and Bangalore. These laboratories have been set up on the basis of the assessment of requirement in regions and also to create infrastructure facilities for testing and research in mineral beneficiation promoting systematic and scientific exploration of mineral resources of the country. The budgetary allocation for the laboratories of GSI & IBM is made annually depending on the requirement of funds. For IBM the provision is of Rs. 5.0 crores for the financial year 2002-03 for this purpose. No private sector companies have been associated with these Govt. laboratories.