

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:29

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MINERAL RESERVES

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether new reserves of minerals have been found in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise and mineral-wise ;
- (c) the action being taken by the Government for proper exploration of these minerals; and
- (d) the agency by whom this work is likely to be executed ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (INDEPENDANT CHARGE) (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The details of mineral reserves estimated during the last three years by Government agencies State-wise, location-wise and mineral-wise are given in the Annexure.

(c) : The exploration programmes by the Government agencies in the country are coordinated by the Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB).CGPB undertakes evaluation of programme of various departments and organizations engaged in geological activities and reviewing and advising the Government on various steps which would lead to speedier exploration of essential minerals. The State Geological Programming Boards coordinate and monitor the geological activities in the State and ensure that there is no duplication of exploration activities of Geological Survey of India (GSI),State Directorates of Geology and Mines (DGM)and other Government agencies.

(d) : The mineral exploration in the country is undertaken by GSI, Mineral Corporation Limited (MECL) and DGM of various State Governments and private agencies.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.29 for answer on 18.2.2003 regarding Mineral Reserves -

MINERAL QUANTITY STATE LOCATION
Geological Survey of India (GSI)

1.Coal Chhattisgarh Sohagpur, Singrauli, Mand-Raigarh and Tatapani-Ramkola coalfields.

5041 (m.t.)
Orissa Talcher Coalfield.

Maharashtra Wardha Valley Coalfield

West Bengal Raniganj and Birbhum Coalfields

Jharkhand East Bokaro Coalfield

2.Lignite 710 (m.t.) Tamil Nadu Orattandan-Pattukkottari Lignite Fields

Gujarat West Coast Lignite Field and Kamrej-Vema Lignite Rajpardi-Vastan fields.

3.Limestone 2871 (m.t.) Meghalaya Litang River Valley and Jaintia Hills district.

120 (m.t.) Gujarat Sheriyakhan, Inaj, Shepa & Rinvada in Porbandar and Junnagadh districts.

4.Basemetal 3.65 (m.t.) Rajasthan Latio-ka-Khera East Block, Sindesar Khurd area of Dariba-Bethumbi Belt.

0.271 (m.t.) Madhya Pradesh Muariya Block, Betul District.

5.Iron Ore 108 (m.t.) Orissa Koira-Pathiriposi - Kendujhar district and Sundargarh district.

6.Manganese Ore 7.18 (m.t.) Orissa Bolangir and Sundargarh district.

7.Bauxite 5.804 (m.t.) Maharashtra Ratnagiri district.

8.Clay 223.23 (m.t.) Kerala Palai block-Kasargad district.

9.Rare Earth 0.109 (m.t.) West Bengal Purulia District.

10.Gold Ore 4.86 (m.t.) Andhra Pradesh Dona East - Kurnool district.

0.09 (m.t.) Rajasthan Bhukia East - Banswara district.

3.27 (m.t.) Madhya Pradesh Gurhar Pahara - Sidhi district.

0.024 (m.t.) Kerala Kottathara - Attapadhy Valley.

0.223 (m.t.) Rajasthan Dungocha - Udaipur district.

Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL)

1.Copper 2.02 (m.t.) Rajasthan Kalapahar Block, Khetri Copper Belt.

9.25 (m.t.) Jharkhand Dhadkadih Block, Singhbhum Copper Belt.

State Directorate of Geology and Mines (DGM)

1.Dimension

Stones 3.73 (m.cu/m) Andhra Pradesh Cuddapah District.

2.Flag Stone 0.854 (m.cu/m) Chhattisgarh Matkot, Bastar District.

3.Marble 2.6 (m.t.) Rajasthan Govardhan Pura village, Alwar Dist.

7.07 (m.t.) Maharashtra Degna-Banda, Sindhurdur Dist.