

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

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

- (a) whether various kinds of diamonds are found in abundance in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the diamond mines already in existence, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the areas in which diamond mines are located, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken for the proper exploitation of those diamond mines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) & (b): The Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the organisation which records national mineral inventory of mineral resources in India has informed that only gem and industrial varieties of diamond is mined in small quantities from Maghagawan mines of National Mineral Development Corporation in Panna District of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) to (e): The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has been carrying out exploration work to locate workable diamond deposits since 1950. IBM has informed that GSI, Mines and Geology Departments of Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited and National Mineral Development Corporation were engaged in the exploration of diamond during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02. The State/districts where exploration were carried out are furnished below:-

State District

Andhra Pradesh Anantpur, Mehboobnagar, Krishna, Khammam, Kurnool, Nalgonda.
Karnataka Gulbarga, Raichur, Tumkur, Chitradurga
Orissa In Ong and Tel Basins of Bargarh, Bolangir and Sonpur, Nuapada,
 Kalahandi and Jharsuguda.
Chhattisgarh Raipur, Raigarh, Bastar, Surguja
Maharashtra Chandrapur, Gadchiroli,, Bhandara
Rajasthan Chittorgarh
Jharkhand Sindega, Ranchi, Gumla and Latehar