

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6142  
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000  
SURVEY FOR EXPLORATION OF MINERALS IN MAHARASHTRA  
ANANDRAO ADSUL

**Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of surveys conducted for exploration of mineral deposits, particularly in the Sahyadri, the hilly areas of Maharashtra, during the last three years;
- (b) whether any feasibility study has been made to start mineral mining projects there;
- (c) if so, whether any report has been prepared in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to implement the mining projects ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (SMT. REETA VERMA)

(a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) conducted following survey/investigations around the Sahyadri hills in West Maharashtra, during the last three years.

- (i) Reappraisal of manganese and iron ore in Sindhudurg district.
- (ii) Study of dimension stones (decoration stones) in Dhule, Nasik and Thane district.
- (iii) Study of magnesium rich dykes in Deccan traps near Thane and Raigarh districts, to explore Ni-Cu-Platinum group minerals.
- (iv) Preliminary assessment of bauxite (in laterite cappings) near Rajapur, Ratnagiri district.

Directorate of Geology and Mining, Maharashtra, has carried out exploration work for Bauxite mineral on Jambhe-Kushi plateau of Satara District and Chitale-Watangi area of Kolhapur district. On the basis of this work 0.6 M.T. reserves of bauxite have been proved. The exploration work in Chitale Watangi area has been started during 1999-2000 field season only and assessment of potential of this deposit is under progress.

(b, c, d & e) : The following mining plans for fresh grant of leases have been approved by Indian Bureau of Mines in the said area during the last three years.

Year	Name of the fresh M.L. area and applicant	Date of approval of Mining lan by IBM
1997-98	NIL	

1998-99	Applied ML area for Quartzite/Sand stone situated in Kudal tq, Sindhudurg district submitted by Shri Pramod K. Sawant over an area of 12.09 Hect.	5.3.1999
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Applied ML area for Iron and Manganese, situated in Sawantwadi Tq, Sindhudurg District submitted by M/s. Minerals and Metals over an area of 32.25 Hect.	20.10.1999
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1999-2000	Udagiri Bauxite ML area, situated in Kolhapur district submitted by Shri Prakash a. Gawandi over an area of 254.51 Hect.	6.7.1999
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Applied ML area situated in Kudal Tq, Sindhudurg District for Mica and Quartz	10.1.2000
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submitted by Shri Sunil D. Waghmare over  
an area of 52.5234 Hect.