

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4300  
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SURVEY FOR NEW MINES IN MADHYA PRADESH  
PUNNULAL MOHALE

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

- (a) whether any survey is being conducted on the possibilities of finding new mines in Chhatisgarh, Madhya Pradesh; and  
(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA )

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The survey has resulted in locating gold and diamond in Chhatisgarh area of Madhya Pradesh. The details are given below:

**GOLD:** Occurrences of Gold have been reported from Sonadehi and Gurwandi prospects in Bastar district. Further investigation by GSI is going on. Investigation for gold in Pendripani area, Raigarh district indicated reserves of 0.25 mt. of gold ores.

**DIAMOND** Investigations in Payalikhhand - Bahardih sector, Mainpur tehsil, Raipur district, have proved the existence of diamondiferous kimberlite pipes.