

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO-SOUTH AFRICAN CO-OPERATION
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indo-South African Co-operation is considering on some projects for mutual cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources;
- (b) if so, the details of the projects identified so far; and
- (c) the names of the projects so far implemented alongwith the progress of each of such projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Indo-South African Joint Working Group on Geology and Mineral Resources had identified certain projects for cooperation in various fields like geoscience mapping, metallogeny, micro-seismic techniques, characterization and processing of metals, bacterial leaching, comparative studies on miners' health, etc. Substantial progress has been achieved on two projects namely (1) Stratigraphic Corelation of the Karoo Formations between Southern Africa and India; and (2) Precambrian Crustal Evolution and Metallogeny of Peninsular India and Eastern/Southern Africa, for implementation. The time-frame set for finalisation of the reports of these two projects is March, 2006 and December, 2005 respectively.