

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

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POTENTIAL RESERVES OF GOLD, DIAMOND AND BAUXITE IN CHHATTISGARH

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

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in Chhattisgarh to locate potential reserves of gold, diamond and bauxite:

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether any scheme has been approved for the exploration of these minerals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has conducted survey in Chhattisgarh for locating resources of Gold, Diamond and Bauxite. Location of different minerals are as under:

Gold : Bhelwapani, Chahar projects, Sheetalpur, Kanker district, Sonakhan area, Raipur district, Pandripani area, Jashpurnagar district and Sabari basinal area, Bastar district.

Diamond : Mainpur - Gariaband area, Raipur district, Tokapal area, Kanker district, Indravali-Basinal area Bastar district, Sarangarh-Chandrapur, Saraipalli area, Raigarh, Janjgir districts.

Bauxite : Bauxite has been reported from Bilaspur, Raigarh, Korba, Jashpurnagar and Bastar district.

As a result of survey carried out by GSI and other agencies total insitu reserves(as on 1.4.2000) of 0.900 million tones of Gold, 1304,0000 carats of Diamond and 198.220 million tones of Bauxite have been estimated in different parts of Chhattisgarh.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. During the field season 2003-04, two items for investigation of Gold at Puro-Michgaon Blocks, Kanker district and Sonakhan area, Raipur district and three items for investigation of Diamond at Kondagaon area, Bastar district, Chandkuri-Kandadongari and Jamnidih of Sonakhan belt and Sarangarh and Saraipalli area, Mahasamund and Raigarh districts in the State of Chhattisgarh have been approved by GSI.

Detailed exploration for Bauxite has been carried out by Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) in Jamirapat Group of Deposits, district Sarguja, Chhattisgarh.