

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1746
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DEPOSITS OF PLATINUM
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the approximate estimated deposits of Platinum at Boula and other areas in Orissa;
- (b) the steps taken to exploit the minerals in these areas; and
- (c) the details of public/private and joint venture companies given lease to extract platinum from these areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

- (a) As per information received from Government of Orissa, 36.4 million tonnes of deposits of platinum group of elements have been estimated in Boula area of Keonjhar district. Occurrence of platinum has not been identified in any other area of the State.
- (b) & (c) Prior approval to M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Limited for inclusion of platinum group of elements in their existing mining leases has been given by the Central Government .