

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has drawn up any action plan for scientific exploration of iron ore; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Currently, Geological Survey of India (GSI) is carrying out regional exploration for iron-ore in the states of Jharkhand (West Singhbhum district), Orissa (Kendujhar district), Karnataka (Bellary and Gadag districts) and Tamil Nadu (Namakkal district). Whereas Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) is conducting detailed exploration for iron-ore in Jharkhand (West Singhbhum district).

During the XIth Plan, GSI proposes to extend its exploration activities for iron-ore in the states of Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur district), Madhya Pradesh (Jabalpur, Katni, Sidhi, Gwalior and Shivpuri districts), Maharashtra (Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts) and Chattishgarh (Durg district).