

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY OF MINERALS BY GSI
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Geological Survey of India has undertaken any survey work pertaining to mines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of gold, silver and copper reserves and other mineral reserves located during each of the last three years, till date, mineral-wise State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of these metals and minerals reserves found in the country, State-wise, mineral-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for improving the quality of exploration and exploitation of these metals and minerals ?

Answer

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

- (a) : Geological Survey of India (GSI) carries out survey and regional exploration for minerals.
- (b) & (c) : Mineral reserves are estimated after detailed mineral exploration and prospecting by other exploration agencies. The details of reserves of minerals in the country are published by the Indian Bureau of Mines in the Indian Mineral Yearbook 2006, a copy of which has been supplied to the Parliament Library.
- (d) : GSI has embarked upon a programme of modernization and acquisition of state-of-art equipment and latest technology for exploration of minerals. Exploitation of minerals is not within the purview of GSI.