

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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MONITORING OF EXPLORATION WORK
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the main functions of Atomic Mineral Directorate (AMD);
- (b) whether the Government has constituted a Committee to monitor exploration on atomic mineral resources in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE FOR PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

- (a) The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent Unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, is engaged in survey and exploration for atomic minerals required for the Nuclear Power Programme of the Country.
- (b) & (c) No, Sir. However, the Government has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary, which inter alia examines the various issues relating to exploration and mining of uranium so as to help remove the bottlenecks and speed up the activities. The Committee meets periodically.