

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6567
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URANIUM IN MEGHALAYA
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Meghalaya region has a good potential of Uranium;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the quantity of Uranium likely to be extracted from the region;
- (c) whether the production of Uranium from the region will be sufficient to meet the requirements of Nuclear Plants in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or being taken by the Government to extract uranium from the region including the time by which the production is likely to commence?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy has identified 17,252 tonnes of high grade insitu Uranium resources in Meghalaya.
- (c) At full capacity production from the proposed uranium project at Kylleng Pydengsohiong Mawthabah, West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya, it is expected to meet about 20% of the indigenous requirement.
- (d) & (e) Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), proposes to set up a mine and mill at Kylleng Pydengsohiong Mawthabah in the West Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya. Various pre-project activities are being carried out and project will commence only after receipt of all statutory clearances from State and Central Governments. No definite time frame can be set for obtaining these clearances.