GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4037 ANSWERED ON:20.04.2010 MINING OF PULLARIN Reddy Shri Anantha Venkatarami

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge reserves of pullarin have been found in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the manner in which such mineral is being utilised;
- (d) the total foreign exchange earned from mining of pullarin; and
- (e) the estimated quantum of such mineral likely to be extracted during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a)&(b): As per available information, exploration carried out by Geological Survey of India in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh has shown the presence of mineral fullerene alongwith barytes deposits. The exploration is at a very primary stage to assess the quantum of resources. There is no report of mining of the said mineral.

(c) to(e):Does not arise in view of above reply.