

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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GOLD EXPLORATION PROJECT IN TANZANIA
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation has started by exploration project in Tanzania;
- (b) if so, whether the excavation of gold has been started;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the quantum of diamond found by NDMC in diamond mines in Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

- (a): Yes, Madam. NMDC Limited has conducted exploration of gold in Tanzania.
- (b)&(c): No, Madam.
- (d): NMDC Limited has only one diamond mine viz. Majwagawan Diamond Mine in Panna District, Madhya Pradesh. The balance reserves of diamond in this mine have been estimated as 10.73 lakh carats (as on 1.4.2010) by NMDC.