

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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**GOLD RESERVES**

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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the estimated gold reserves in the country at present;
- (b) the details of gold deposits areas in the country alongwith the names of companies engaged in its mining,State-wise;
- (c) the production, value vis-À-vis domestic demand of gold during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise;
- (d) whether the Government has identified certain new gold deposits areas in the country and tap the potential of areas which have not been identified so far;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Non-Governmental or private companies have evinced their interest in becoming partners in the said discovery; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): As per the National Mineral inventory prepared by Indian Bureau of Mines, as on 1.4.2005, the total reserves of gold ore in the country are placed at 19.25 million tonnes, containing 85.12 tonnes of primary gold metal.

(b): As per the National Mineral Inventory the State wise & District wise location of gold deposits in the country and name of company engaged in mining of gold is given below:-

State	Districts Name in mining of gold	Names of company engaged
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Andhra Pradesh    Anantpur, Chittoor and Kurnool.

Bihar            Jamui

Chhattisgarh    Raipur

Jharkhand    Singhbhum (East)    M/S Manmohan Industries  
Pvt. Ltd.

Karnataka    Chitradurga, Dharwar, Gulbarga,    M/S Hutti Gold Mine  
Hassan, Haveri, Kolar, Raichur  
and Tumkur.

Kerala            Malappuram and Palakkad.

Madhya Pradesh    Jabalpur and Sidhi.

Maharashtra Bhandara and Nagpur.

Rajasthan Banswara, Bhilwara, Duasa,  
Sirohi and Udaipur.

Tamil Nadu Dharmapuri

West Bengal Purulia

(c): The production and value of gold during 2008-09 to 2010-11, state-wise is given below:-

Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Production (in tonnes)			

Jharkhand	0.02	0.02	0.02
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Karnataka	2.42	2.09	2.22
Gujarat	4.87	9.11	6.96

Value of production  
(in thousand Rs.)

Jharkhand	21883	21448	27946
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Karnataka	3130737	3292448	4274150
Gujarat	6125266	14484230	13284731

Export (in tonnes) 3.68 22.99 -

Import (in tonnes) 771.04 851.02 -  
Apparent Consumption 774.67 839.25 -  
(in tonnes)

(d) & (e): New Gold deposits areas identified by the Govt. in the year 2007-08 to 2009-10 are given below:-

Year	Agency	State	Location
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2007-08	GSI	Rajasthan	Bhukia gold belt, Distt. Banswara.
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Chhattisgarh Baghmara block Sonakhan area, Raipur  
distt., Chhattisgarh

2008-09	GSI	Chhattisgarh	Sonadehi Gold Prospect
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Rajasthan Delwara West Block

UP Sonapahari

HGML Karnataka Hutti, Uti and Hira Budini

2009-10 MECL Rajasthan Bhukia (East) Dhani-Basri Block

GSI Andhra-Pradesh Anantapur-(Norther part of  
Ramagiri-Penakacherla);  
Mehboobnagar-(north of Krishna river)

Bihar Nalanda: (Munger-Rajgir)

Jharkhand East and West Singhbhum(Tilaitnr  
Sobhapur)  
Ranchi (Sinduri East Block)

Karnataka Chitradurga (Belghatta block);  
Gulbarga (Northern part of Manglur  
Schist belt);  
Tumkur (Ajjanahalli Block-D).

Rajasthan Banswara (Delwara West block-  
Bhukia Gold Belt),  
Gudelpara North-West Block.  
Dungarpur (Bharkundi Block)

Uttarakhand Chamoli & Pithoragarh  
(Martoli-Milam & Niti area)

DMG Rajasthan Jaipur (N/V

Pachhapur, Gol, Matasula, Teh.  
Jamwa, Ramgarh

Karnataka Davangere (Kudrekonda)

HGML Karnataka Raichur (Hutti mine, Uti mine  
and Hira Buddini mines )

(f) & (g): Yes, Madam. The Government has given prior approval for grant of 112 Reconnaissance Permit for gold and associated minerals from 2007-08 till 2010-11.