

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:335

ANSWERED ON:16.12.2011

IDENTIFICATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES .

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

- (a) the approximate quantity and value of mineral reserves/deposits available in the country at present alongwith their total number of mines in the private and public sectors, State-wise;
- (b) the surveys conducted by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and other concerned agencies in various States alongwith the outcome of such investigations during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on exploration of mineral resources during the said period, State-wise and mineral wise;
- (d) the details of the new mineral rich areas identified by GSI and other agencies, particularly in mineral rich tribal areas alongwith the progress made in this regard; and
- (e) the measures taken/to be taken for exploration of the nation's rich deposits including participation of international/foreign companies therein alongwith the safeguard measures taken or conditions laid down to seek their expertise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.335 FOR ANSWER ON 16th DECEMBER, 2011

(a): State-wise and mineral wise information on total reserves/resources are given in the Indian Mineral Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which has been supplied to the Parliament Library. Details of value of reserves, total reporting mines in private and public sector (mineral-wise and State-wise) for important minerals are given in Annexure

(b) and (c): As per available information, details of various mineral investigations/surveys carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI), Directorate of Geology and Mining in State Governments (DGM), Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) and other agencies, and details of minerals found in the last three years are given below:

Year	No. of Mineral investigations	Minerals found	States in which minerals found
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2008-09	77	48	4	14	Limestone, Dolomite, Bihar, Chhattisgarh
2009-10	92	53	5	15	Rock Phosphate, Friable Gujarat, Himachal
2010-12	116	NA	5	NA	Quartzite Glass sand, Pradesh, Haryana
					Manganese ore, iron ore Jammu & Kashmir
					Graphite, Granite,Grantic Jharkhand, Karnataka
					Quartz, Base metal,Gypsum Kerala, Madhya Pradesh
					Laterite, Bentonite,Calcite Maharashtra,Meghalaya
					Wollastonite, China clay, Odisha,Rajasthan,Sikkim
					Clay,Felspar, Sillimanite, Nagaland, West Bengal
					Pyrophyllite,Chromite,Sand Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh
					stone,Granite, Silica sand,
					Sandstone,Gneiss,Dolomite

As per available information, the total expenditure incurred on mineral investigation in various States by GSI and MECL is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Agency 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

GSI 1184.75 1033.70 1304.00 630.45 (upto October 2011)

MECL 900.00 565.00 700 492.00 (upto November 2011)

(d) to (e): In terms of National Mineral Policy 2008, draft Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill 2011 (MMDR Bill) has been introduced in the Parliament. The new MMDR Bill aims to introduce better legislative environment for attracting investment and technology in to the mining sector.