

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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DIAMOND AND GOLD RESERVES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of diamond and gold reserves available in the country at present alongwith the names of Indian and foreign companies engaged in their mining, State/ location-wise;
- (b) the production, value vis-a-vis domestic demand of diamond and gold in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of new diamond and gold rich areas identified by the Government, State-wise alongwith the progress made with regard to their exploration;
- (d) whether some of the foreign companies are not following the guidelines for mining of diamond; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them?

Answer

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

(a) State wise reserves/resources of gold and diamond as on 1.4.2005 are given below:-

Gold (in tonnes) Diamond (in carates)

State Reserves Total Reserves

Andhra Pradesh

Ore (Primary) 1544648

Metal (Primary) 6.02

Jharkhand

Ore (Primary) 92850

Metal (Primary) 0.83

Karnataka

Ore (Primary) 17616453

Metal (Primary) 78.27

Madhya Pradesh - 1045318

(b) Details of Statewise production of Gold and Diamond are given below:-

(Value in Rs. `000)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11(P)

Mineral Type State Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

Diamond(in Madhya 536 4537 16891 116279 19774 152651
carats) Pradesh

Gold Primary Jharkhand 18 21883 14 21251 14 27946
Metal
(in tonnes)

Gold Primary Karnataka 2420 3130737 2070 3404563 2225 4274150
Metal
(in tonnes)

Gold Secondary Gujarat 4871 6125266 9114 14484230 6961 13284731
Metal
(in tonnes)

(P) : Provisional

Details on apparent consumption of gold and diamond are given below:-

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

Gold (in Diamond Gold (in Diamond Gold (in Diamond
tonnes) (in carats) tonnes) (in carats) tonnes) (in carats)

774.67 146740556 839.23 153375199 929.40 211341333

(c): Details of New Gold and Diamond deposits identified by the Government in the year 2009-10 are given below :-

Gold (in tonnes)

State Location

Rajasthan Bhukia (East)
Dhani-Basri Block

Andhra- Anantapur-(Norther part of Ramagiri-Penakacherla);
Pradesh 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)

Rajasthan Jaipur(N/V Pachhapur,Gol,Matasula,Teh.Jamwa,Ramgarh

Karnataka Davangere (Kudrekonda)

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

Diamond (in carats)

Andhra Pradesh Buthpur and Achampet block,
Dist. Mahboobnagar

-do- Kalwakurthi & Charakumda block,
Dist. Mahboobnagar

Karnataka Gunjahaili Turkandoni, Dist. Raichur

Orissa Arkholi area, Dist. Nuapada

(d) &(e):As per Mines and Mineral Development Regulation Act 1957, a mining lease can be granted by State Government to a person who is a citizen of India or a company registered under the Companies Act 1956. Further as per available information no violation have been pointed out for mining of diamond by the Indian Bureau of Mines in the last year.