

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PRIME MINISTER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1465
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2013
THORIUM RESERVES
Choudhary Shri Nikhil Kumar

Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified thorium reserves in the country during the last three years and the current year; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), has established sizeable in situ reserves of thorium contained in the mineral Monazite occurring in beach sands. The thorium reserves identified by AMD during the last three years are as follows:

State	Monazite (Million tonne)	
	Reserve as on 31.10.2009	Addition of Reserve as Reserves on May 2013
Odisha	1.85	0.56 2.41
Andhra Pradesh	3.72	3.72
Tamil Nadu	2.16	0.30 2.46
Kerala	1.51	0.39 1.90
West Bengal	1.22	1.22
Jharkhand	0.22	0.22
Total	10.68	1.25 11.93