

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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GEM TESTING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the gem testing centres functioning in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such centres in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details and locations thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): As per the information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, the details of Gem Testing Centres functioning in the country as on date, State/UT-wise given as Annexure.

(b) & (c): As per the information available with IBM, following testing centres are proposed to be set up in the country:

- | S. No. | State | Name of Gem Testing Centre |
|--------|----------------|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Diamond Testing Laboratory at Hyderabad by International Gemological Institute (IGI) |
| 2. | Chhattisgarh | Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (A Govt. of Chhattisgarh Undertaking), is planning to establish a Gems and Jewellery (SEZ) at Raipur. |
| 3. | Madhya Pradesh | State of Art Gems and Jewellery Park at Indore is under construction. |
| 4. | Rajasthan | Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP), Jaipur- Gems and Jewellery Center |