

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1814
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MINING OF SEMI PRECIOUS AND GEM STONES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of places in the country where precious/semi-precious and gem-stones are available, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement any special scheme to improve the mining and exploitation of such stone reserves in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the quantity of stones in these reserves in the country, State/UT-wise and the quantity of stones mined annually during the last three years and the current year till date along with the price thereof and the extent to which these were utilised in the local market?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): As per available information, the State-wise details of places in the country where occurrence of precious /semi precious and gem stones have been reported are given at Annexure-I.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d): As per available information, the State-wise details of reserves/resources of Semi-Precious and Gem Stones are enclosed as Annexure-II and the State-wise details of production and value of Semi Precious and Gem stones during 2010-11 to 2012-13 are given in Annexure-III.