

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION TO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA GSI
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the budgetary allocation to the Geological Survey of India (GSI) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the steps taken by the GSI for using/introducing modern/latest technology in exploration of minerals; and
- (c) the utilisation of funds by the GSI in mineral exploration and procuring modern/latest technology for the same during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) The total budgetary plan allocation to Geological Survey of India (GSI) during the last three years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 were Rs 202.00 crores, Rs 342.36 crores and Rs 271.77 crores respectively. During the current year 2013-14, GSI's plan allocation is Rs 392.00 crores.

(b) GSI is carrying out systematic investigation for mineral resource assessment of the country in geologically potential areas through modern and sophisticated exploration methods / techniques involving modern geological mapping techniques, geomorphological and lineament mapping through study of satellite imageries, aero and ground geophysical studies and geochemical mapping. Keeping these in view, GSI has initiated extensive programme of modernization on the advice of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industries, and the guidelines laid down by an Expert Panel on Modernization of GSI, constituted by the Ministry of Mines. The modernization programme is aimed to improve the regional exploration for assessment of natural resources by infusion of latest state of the art technology. The details of Technology Infusion envisaged by GSI during XII Five Year Plan Period are at Annex.

(c) The funds utilized under the Mineral Exploration and Modernization & Replacement Scheme during the said period is as stated below:

Mineral Exploration					(Rs in crores)
Year	2010-2011	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (till July'13)	
Actual Expenditure	23.76	23.81	25.16		
	8.18				
Modernization & Replacement					
Actual Expenditure	78.59	201.60	152.48	136.00	