

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MINERAL MAPPING PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mineral mapping programme has been taken up in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose;
- (d) the manner in which such programme is likely to be implemented; and
- (e) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on this programme ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) (b) & (d) : Geological Survey of India [GSI] carries out regional survey and exploration for minerals in different parts of the country. Mineral occurrences are plotted on the geological map of the area to provide the Mineral Map of India and Geological & Mineral Map of States and Regions, which can be viewed in GSI Portal at <http://www.portal.gsi.gov.in>. Mineral map of India on 1:5,000,000 scale was produced in year 2006. Large Scale Mineral maps based on site-specific detailed exploration are prepared as per Annual Field Season Programme.

(c) & (e) : The XI Plan outlay and expenditure for survey and mapping and mineral exploration so far are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

	XI Plan outlay				Expenditure			
Schemes	07-08	08-09	09-10	Balance (2010-12)	07-08	08-09	09-10 (upto 9/09)	

Survey & Mapping	33.49	48.05	57.96	123.00	33.49	47.05	18.18	
Mineral Exploration	19.32	20.36	24.56	57.00	19.32	20.36	7.71	
Total:	52.81	68.41	82.52	180.00	52.81	67.41	25.89	

Survey & mapping comprises general survey and mapping activities including mineral mapping. It is not possible to disaggregate the figure in respect of mineral mapping.