

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVES OF GOLD AND DIAMOND
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of gold and diamond reserves/resources in the country as on date;
- (b) the names of places in the country where mining/exploration work of gold and diamond is being undertaken by indigenous and foreign companies as on date;
- (c) the total quantum and value of gold and diamond explored in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, location and State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the government has taken note that the guidelines are not being complied with by some foreign companies in mining of gold and diamond; and
- (e) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard during the said period along with actions taken thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) As per information received from the Indian Bureau of Mines, the total resources of diamond and gold ore (Primary and Placer) as on 1.4.2010 are placed at 31.92 million carats and 519.8 million tones, respectively. The details of reserves/resources of diamond and gold as on 1.4.2010 are given in Annexure-1(A) and Annexure-1 (B) respectively.
- (b) At present, two Indian mining companies, namely, M/s Manmohan Minerals Industries Private Limited (Jharkhand) in private sector and M/s Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited (Karnataka) in public sector are engaged in production of primary gold. Besides this, M/s Hindalco Industries Pvt. Ltd. Dahej, (Gujarat) is also recovering gold as by-product from imported copper concentrate. Similarly, diamond is being produced by M/s NMDC Ltd and DGM (Madhya Pradesh) at Panna. Details of producers/production of diamond & gold during 2010-11 to 2013-14 (upto Oct. 2013) are given in Annexure-II.
- (c) Exploration of mineral reserves in the country through agencies like Geological Survey of India, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, etc. are continuous process. As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, the exploration carried out by various agencies for gold and diamond in the country during the years 2009-10 to 2011-12 are enclosed at Annexure III (A) & Annexure III(B) respectively.
- (d) & (e):- No such complaint has been received in this regard in the Ministry of Mines.