

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GOLD MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the new gold mines reserves found in the country including Himachal Pradesh, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for exploration of gold in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) & (b) The exploration is a continuous process and evaluation of quantity of reserves of minerals is carried out on the basis of survey of minerals. A number of exploration agencies like GSI, MECL, State DGM's, State/Central Undertakings and private sector companies are engaged in the exploration of mineral deposits.

The Government of India allocates funds for exploration in the five year plans. These funds are released by the Government of India for the exploration of minerals (including gold) through schemes.

As per the available information, the exploration activities carried out by various agencies for Gold in the country during the years 2011 to 2012-13 is given in Annexure-I. Reserves of Gold as on 1.4.2010 (By Grades/States) is given in Annexure-II.