

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

- (a) the approximate present status of titanium reserves in the country as compared to the year 2000;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to extract the titanium reserves in different parts of the country; and
- (c) the details of the utilized titanium?

Answer

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

- (a): As per information made available by Indian Bureau of Mines, the total resources of titanium minerals in the country are as follows:

(in million tonnes)

As on 01.04.2000	As on 01.04.2005	As on 01.04.2010
376.43	388.39	394.00

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

(b): The steps taken by the Govt. to extract the Titanium reserves in the country inter alia include enhancing the production capacity. Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, Hyderabad has a pilot plant of 4 ton per annum (tpa) capacity to produce titanium sponge. Department of Space in collaboration with M/s Kerala Minerals & Metals Ltd. (KMML) has set up a 500 tpa titanium sponge plant at KMML's facility in Chavara, Kerala. The facility available at Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd. has the potential to produce 300 tpa of metal.

(c): During 2013-14, India exported Rs. 1041.25 crore worth of Titanium ores and concentrates, rest of the supply was used for domestic use.