

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:792

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URANIUM DEPOSITS

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Uranium Corporation of India has discovered and explored uranium deposits in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the amount incurred for the above activities during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) No, Sir. As per the mandate, Uranium Corporation of India (UCIL) exploits identified uranium resources in the country. However, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) is engaged in survey, prospecting & exploration activities for uranium deposits in various parts of the country.

(b) As of May, 2014, AMD has established 2,11,473 tonne in situ Uranium oxide (U₃O₈) (equivalent to 1,79,329 tonnes of Uranium) reserves in different States as under :

State	Uranium reserves	
	U ₃ O ₈ (t)	U (t)
Andhra Pradesh	91,540	77,625
Telangana	18,550	15,731
Jharkhand	61,118	51,828
Meghalaya	21,180	17,961
Rajasthan	8,393	7,117
Karnataka	4,682	3,970
Chhattisgarh	3,986	3,380
Uttar Pradesh	785	666
Uttarakhand	100	85
Himachal Pradesh	784	665
Maharashtra	355	301
Total	2,11,473	1,79,329

(c) The expenditure incurred by AMD for exploration of uranium minerals during the last three years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (`in lakh)
2011-12	12,970.36
2012-13	6,519.61
2013-14	8,364.17
2014-15	1,923.80
(up to May 2014)	