

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826
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INDIAN RARE EARTH
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to revive and modernise Indian Rare Earths, Udyoga Mandal Unit, Kerala; and

(b) the time frame given in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The plant facilities at Rare Earth Division, at Udyoga Mandal Unit Aluva, Kerala were retrofitted and became ready for commissioning on 18.07.2013 to process 5000 tons per annum (tpa) of mixed rare earths chloride (MRCL) from monazite processing plant at OSCOM, Odhisa for production of individual high pure rare earth including light and heavy rare earths. Subsequently, commissioning of the plant has been completed. Further process optimisation has resulted in increasing the through put of the plant with 10,000 tpa of MRCL. With this the work for modernisation of the plant has already been completed.