

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:297

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2015

Gold and Diamond Reserves

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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of gold and diamond reserves available in the country including Karnataka, Odisha and Jharkhand, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum and value of gold and diamond produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether complaints/irregularities indulged in by the companies in exploration of gold and diamond have been reported ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up corrective action taken in the matter; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to promote, develop and step up gold and diamond exploration and production in the country ? profitable?

**Answer**

(a) to ( e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.297 FOR REPLY ON 10.08.2015 REGARDING GOLD AND DIAMOND EXPLORATION ASKED BY SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL AND SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI

(a) As per National Mineral Inventory prepared by Indian Bureau of Mines the State-wise reserves/resources of gold and diamond as on 01.04.2013 are given in Annexure-I (A) and I (B), respectively.

(b) As per the available information with Indian Bureau of Mines, the quantity and value of gold and diamond produced in the country, during last three years and current year State/UT wise is given as Annexure-II.

(c) & d) No such complaint has been received in this regard in the Ministry of Mines.

(e) The scientific and detailed prospecting is carried out to establish mineral resources. A number of agencies like Geological Survey of India, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, State Directorate of Geology & Mining, State/Central Undertakings and private companies is engaged in exploration of mineral resources including gold and diamond.

MMDR (Amendment), Act 2015 has introduced the concept of prospecting licence-cum-mining lease (PL cum ML) for exploration and mining of deep seated minerals like gold and diamond. After doing preliminary exploration, States will auction PL cum ML. Easy transferability of PL cum ML has been provided in order to make it attractive to explorers.

As per MMDR (Amendment), Act 2015, National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) has been created to take up and accelerate mineral exploration in the country.

ANNEXURE – I (A) REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 297 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.8.2010 REGARDING GOLD AND DIAMOND EXPLORATION ASKED BY SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL AND SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI

Reserves/Resources of Gold as on 1.4.2013

Unit: Tonne

States Reserves Resources Total Reserves & Resources

Andhra Pradesh

Ore (Primary) 0 12275347 12275347

Metal (Primary) 0 35.72 35.72

Bihar

Ore (Primary) 0 222884860 222884860

Metal (Primary) 0 37.6 37.6

Chhattisgarh

Ore (Primary) 0 4841033 4841033

Metal (Primary) 0 5.51 5.51

Jharkhand

Ore (Primary) 20900 9350289 9371189

Metal (Primary) 0.07 13.87 13.94

Karnataka

Ore (Primary) 14595065 89184019 103779084

Metal (Primary) 71.84 238.37 310.21

Kerala

Ore (Primary) 0 558460 558460

Metal (Primary) 0 0.2 0.2

Ore (Placer) 0 26121000 26121000

Metal (Placer) 0 5.86 5.86

Madhya Pradesh

Ore (Primary) 0 7788000 7788000

Metal (Primary) 0 8.4 8.4

Maharashtra

Ore (Primary) 0 1517000 1517000

Metal (Primary) 0 3.55 3.55

Rajasthan

Ore (Primary) 0 118888720 118888720

Metal (Primary) 0 223.63 223.63

Tamil Nadu

Ore (Primary) 0 67000 67000

Metal (Primary) 0 1 1

West Bengal

Ore (Primary) 0 12833333 12833333

Metal (Primary) 0 0.65 0.65

Figures rounded off

ANNEXURE – I (B) REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 297 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.8.2010 REGARDING GOLD AND DIAMOND EXPLORATION ASKED BY SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL AND SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI

Reserves/Resources of Diamond as on 1.4.2013

Unit: Carat

States Reserves Resources Total Reserves & Resources

Andhra Pradesh 0 1822955 1822955

Chhattisgarh 0 1304000 1304000

Madhya Pradesh 984875 27749477 28734352

figures rounded off

ANNEXURE - II REFERRED IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 297 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.8.2010 REGARDING GOLD AND DIAMOND EXPLORATION ASKED BY SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL AND SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI

The State-wise Production of Gold and Diamond

(Value in Rs. 000)

Minerals State Unit 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14(P) 2014-15(P)

Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value

Gold Ore India t 491562 0 502831 0 420777 0 448489 0

Gold Ore Jharkhand t 7123 0 3770 0 7552 0 4232 0

Gold Ore Karnataka t 484439 0 499061 0 413225 0 444257 0

Gold India kg 2194 5311592 1588 5172517 1564 4225315 1447 3625026

Gold Jharkhand kg 11 28532 5 14548 8 22728 11 30839

Gold Karnataka kg 2183 5283060 1583 5157969 1556 4202587 1436 3594187

Diamond India crt 18490 198240 31988 366471 37515 614084 35724 613504

Diamond Madhya Pradesh crt 18490 198240 31988 366471 37515 614084 35724 613504

(P): Provisional;

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines