

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

- (a) the details of gold reserves in the country at present;
- (b) the names of places in the country where exploration work of gold is being undertaken by indigenous and foreign companies at present; and
- (c) the total quantum and value of gold explored in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, location and State/UT-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES, STEEL AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) As per information received from the Indian Bureau of Mines, the total resources of gold ore (Primary and Placer) in terms of Ores and Metal as on 1.4.2010 are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) Information regarding exploration work of Gold being undertaken in the country by foreign companies is not maintained by this Ministry. However, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, a Govt. of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines is carrying out exploration of Gold deposits at (1) Pahardia Gold Prospect, District West Singhbhum, Jharkhand, (2) Parasi East Block, District Ranchi, Jharkhand, (3) Anjanhalli East Block (A), District: Tumkur, Karnataka and (4) Parasi West Block, District, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- (c) Exploration of mineral reserves in the country through agencies like Geological Survey of India, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, etc. is a continuous process. As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, the exploration carried out by various agencies for gold in the country during the years 2010-2011 to 2012-2013 is enclosed at Annexure-II.