

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2796
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EXPORT OF THORIUM AND MAGNETITE
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some private companies in Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are illegally exporting Thorium and Magnetite to foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the companies;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action against these companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Monazite is the only source of Thorium in our country. It is available in the coastal areas of Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. Department of Atomic Energy has not issued any licence for handling and export of Thorium and Monazite to any private company. Other than media reports and some complaints alleging that some private companies have been illegally exporting monazite, no authenticated information is available with the Central Government covering the above.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Does not arise.