

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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GOLD MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of gold extracted by various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of gold from its gold mines including the Hutti Gold Mines in Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from private companies for granting of mining rights to operate in this area; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) The Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited (HGML) under the State Government of Karnataka is the only Public Sector Undertaking engaged in the extraction of gold. Details of gold extracted during the last three years and the current year are as follows:-

Year Gold Extracted (in Kgs.)

2011-12 2182.57

2012-13 1582.00

2013-14 1556.45

2014-15 777.66

(upto October, 2014)

(b) The Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited (HGML) has taken the following steps to increase gold production:-

1) Hutti Gold Mines: IInd phase mine construction and Circular Shaft Sinking is in process.

2) Hira-Buddinni & Uti Gold Mines: IInd phase of mining by shaft sinking and mine development is in progress.

(c) & (d) The mining rights are granted by the State Government under the provision of MMDR Act and Rules framed there under. The State Government require prior approval of the Central Government under Section 5(1) of the Act for grant of Mining Leases only in respect of the Minerals specified in part 'B' and 'C' of the First Schedule to the Act. As Gold is listed in Part 'C' of the First Schedule of MMDR Act, 1957, the State Government have to seek prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mining rights. Ministry of Mines has received one proposal from Karnataka Government; the details of which are given below:-

Applicant	Name	Mineral	Area	Village and District
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M/s Deccan Exploration Services Pvt. Ltd.	Gold	29 hectares	Ganajur/Haveri
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