

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1735
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

ATOMIC MINERALS

1735. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has found minerals for production of atomic energy in Magarkund-Koilari and Lohara-Dongargaon regions under Kawardha and Rajnandgaon district of Chattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the types of minerals that are likely to be found; and
- (c) whether the mining work has been commenced and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), has the mandate to identify, evaluate and augment mineral resources of uranium, thorium, niobium, tantalum, beryllium, lithium, zirconium, titanium and rare earths containing uranium and thorium, for Nuclear Power Programme of the country. Surface geological and radiometric investigations by AMD in Magarkund-Koilari and Lohara-Dongargaon regions under Kawardha and Rajnandgaon districts of Chhattisgarh have yielded encouraging results for uranium minerals and likely to be found in the area.
- (c) No, Sir.
