

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF GRANITE ZONES
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to explore the high quality granite zones in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka; and

(b) the details of high quality granite yielding sites in the country, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) : Geological Survey of India (GSI) has undertaken systematic regional assessment of Dimension Stone Granite (DSG) from 1994 onwards in the State of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar and West Bengal. In addition to GSI, various Directorates of Mining and Geology of different State Governments are also conducting surveys for DSG.

GSI has covered areas of Kanakppura Taluka, Bangalore district and in parts of Tumkur, Chamrajanagar, Gulbarga, Koppal, Bagalkol and Bijapur districts in Karnataka. A total of 202,986,000 cubic meters of recoverable reserves of DSG has been estimated.

In Tamil Nadu the area covered by GSI falls within Villupuram, Tiruchirapalli, Salem Dharampura and Madurai-Pudukottai districts. A total of 20,340,000 cubic meters of recoverable reserves of DSG has been estimated.

(b) : Although Granite is found in various States of India production of granite/dressed granite blocks and slabs is mainly confined to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Granite from the State of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are of high quality. The important localities are given hereunder :

Andhra Pradesh : Khammam, Chittoor, Anantapur, Guntur, Kurnool, Karimnagar, Ongole, Warangal, Nalgonda and Prakasam districts.

Karnataka : Bagalkot, Gadag, Koppal, Gulbarga, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Bangalore, Chickmagalur, Hassan, Kolar, Mysore, Tumkur, Uttar Kannad, Bellary, Bijapur and Raichur districts.

Rajasthan : Jalore, Ajmer, Alwar, Barmer, Bhilwara, Jhunjhunu, Pali, Sirohi and Nagaur districts.

Tamil Nadu : Villupuram, Tiruchirappalli, Kanyakumari, South Arcot, Erode, Dharmapuri, Salem, Coimbatore and North Arcot districts.