

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:125  
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003  
SURVEY FOR MINERAL RESOURCES  
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have conducted any survey of mineral resources as mentioned in Unstarred Question No. 323 dated 15.04.2002;
- (b) if so, the names of the districts of Bihar where the survey has been conducted and the progress made so far;
- (c) whether any new minerals have been explored till date; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, mineral-wise location-wise ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES ( SHRI RAMESH BAIS )

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) a subordinate office under Ministry of Mines has conducted survey for gold, basemetals, rare metals and dimension stone, aided by geochemical mapping, in parts of Jamui, Banka, Bhagalpur Nawada, Munger, Jahanabad, Gaya and Nalanda districts of Bihar.

(c) & (d) : No definite zone of gold and basemetal mineralisation of economic viability have been established so far. However, an in-situ resource of about 877 million cubicmeter of dimension stone granite has been estimated in the State, mainly in Bhagalpur, Banka, Munger, Jamui, Jahanabad, Gaya and Nalanda districts.