

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2174
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THORIUM RESERVE IN COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the supply of thorium for development of thorium based reactor is sufficient in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government propose to import thorium; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) India has vast Thorium reserves (almost one third of the entire world's Thorium reserves) equivalent to 5,18,000 tonnes of Thorium metal mainly in the beach sands of Kerala.
- (c) & (d) Do not arise.