

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVES OF GEM STONES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Gem available in the country, location-wise`
- (b) whether the Government propose to implement any specific scheme for extraction and exploitation of these stone reserves in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof
- (d) the quantum of stones in these reserves in the country and the quantity of stone extracted from these reserves during the last three years, State-wise, till date; and
- (e) the value of the stone extracted and the extent thereof used in the local market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : As per the National Mineral Inventory [NMI] prepared by Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines, the location-wise details of gem stones occurring in the country are as follows :-

Gem Stone Location

Corundum Anantpur, Khammam in Andhra Pradesh.

Bangalore, Bellary, Chitradurga, Coorg, Gulbarga, Hassan, Mandya, Mysore, Tumkur, Raichur in Karnataka.

Dantewara in Chhattisgarh.

Kannur in Kerala.

Sidhi in Madhya Pradesh.

Bhandara in Maharashtra.

Khasi Hills West in Meghalaya.

Tonk in Rajasthan.

Dimaond Anantpur, Guntur, Krishna, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Mahboobnagar, Nellore, Prakasam in Andhra Pradesh.

Panna in Madha Pradesh.

Raipur, Raigarh, Bastar in Chhatisgarh.

Gadchiroli in Maharashtra.

Sambalpur in Orissa.

Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh.

Sapphire Godavari West in Andhra Pradesh.

Doda in Jammu & Kashmir.

Hassan in Karnataka.

Tiruanantpuram in Kerala.

Karur in Tamil Nadu.

Emerald Ajmer, Rajsamand, Udaipur in Rajasthan.

Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.

Ruby Bellary, Chikmagalur, Tumkur in Karnataka.

Kalahandi, Rayagada in Orissa.

Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu.

(b) & (c) : To promote exploration and exploitation of mineral resources of the country, the exploration & exploitation of all non-fuel and non-atomic minerals have been thrown open to private investment including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). The Government is making all efforts to increase investment in the mining sector by creating investor friendly climate and removing bottlenecks to attract such investment.

(d) & (e) : As per National Mineral Inventory (NMI), the total resources of Diamond in the country are estimated at 4580336 carats and that of Corundum at 32932 tonnes and of Garnet at 51736155 tonnes. The resources of Ruby are placed at 469 kg (all in Orissa) and that of Sapphire at 450 kg (all in Jammu & Kashmir). The State-wise production and value of these stones during the last 3 years i.e. 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as below -

(Value in Rs.`000)

Mineral/State	Unit	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04(P)
Production Value				
Diamond				
Madhya Pradesh	Carat	81436	396047	84407
			396307	71259
				318106
Garnet				
Rajasthan	Kg.	676	158	908
			214	545
				128
Corundum				
Andhra Pradesh	Kg.	1	4	1
			4	-
Maharashtra		300	1	7600
			17	79430
				197
Agate				
Gujarat	Tonnes	53	53	96
			96	55
				55

Note - (P) = Provisional