

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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URANIUM RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start Uranium mining in Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) If so, the details thereof including the estimated reserves; and
- (c) the time by which the production is likely to start ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy proposes to set up an opencast mine and an underground mine at Lambapur and two underground mines at Peddagattu in Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh.

UCIL also proposes to set up a Uranium Processing Plant at Seripally Village in Deverkonda Mandal in Andhra Pradesh. The estimated cost of the Mining and Milling project is Rs.558.42 crore.

The estimated reserves in the block is 6450 tonnes of U308 (Uranium Oxide)

(c) The production is likely to commence 3 years after the receipt of all statutory clearances