

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:449
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2005
GOLD RESERVE
Bhagora Shri Mahavir

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the major thrust area of activity of Geological Survey of India(GSI) identified for the Tenth Five Year Plan in the country;
- (b) whether the GSI has in a survey estimated deposit of about 95 tonnes of gold worth Rs.6,000 crore found in Bhukia Patti area of Banswara District of Rajasthan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRISIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.449 REGARDING GOLD RESERVE ASKED BY SHRI MAHAVIR BHAGORA FOR ANSWER ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2005.

(a) : The major thrust areas of activity of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) identified for Tenth Five Year Plan in the country are as follows :

- i. Creation and updating of national geoscientific information and knowledge base.
- ii. Identification and preliminary assessment of mineral resources.
- iii. Geoscientific input to water resource development, transport, natural disaster and hazard management and civil engineering projects.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. GSI has established the possibility of approximately 95 tonnes of gold metal in Bhukia gold prospect in Banswara district of Rajasthan.