

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3561
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2005
EXPLORATION OF MINERALS
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the exploration of minerals in the country have been assigned to the multinationals/private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise; and
- (c) the details of funds invested by these companies in this regard, company-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Under Section 5(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 (MMDR Act), only an Indian national or a company registered in India under Section 3(1) of the Companies Act, 1956 can be granted a reconnaissance permit, prospecting licence or mining lease for exploration or mining of minerals. A company-wise break-up of reconnaissance permits for mineral exploration approved by the Ministry of Mines is given at Annexure.

(c) : Since reconnaissance permits are granted by State Governments and only prior approval is given by the Ministry of Mines in respect of minerals listed in the First Schedule of the MMDR Act, the details of funds invested by these companies in exploration of minerals are not maintained centrally.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3561 FOR 16.12.2005 ASKED BY SHRI UDAY SINGH REGARDING EXPLORATION OF MINERALS

S.No. Name of the applicant No. of R.Ps approved in its favour

1.	M/s Adamas India Pvt. Ltd.	5
2.	M/s De-Beers India Prospecting Pvt. Ltd.	16
3.	M/s. ACC Rio Tinto Exploration Ltd.	22
4.	M/s. Geo Mysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	24
5.	M/s Deccan Gold Mines Ltd.	1
6.	M/s De-Beers India Surveys Pvt. Ltd.	4
7.	M/s Indophil Resources Exploration Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	3
8.	M/s. AMIL Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	13
9.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holding Pvt. Ltd.	8
10.	M/s De-Beers India Minerals Pvt. Ltd.	3
11.	M/s. Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd.	4
12.	M/s. Hindustan Zinc Limited	5
13.	M/s. Phelps Dodge Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.	10
14.	M/s Phelps Dodge -Metdist Mining India Pvt. Ltd.	7
15.	M/s. Pasmenco Exploration Pvt. Ltd.	5
16.	M/s. Ramgad Minerals & Mining Pvt. Ltd.	2
17.	M/s. National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	4
18.	M/s.Lake Resources Holding India Pvt. Ltd.	3
19.	M/s. BHP Minerals India Pvt. Ltd.	13
20.	M/s BHP Khanij Anveshana Pvt. Ltd.	15

21.	M/s. Anglo American Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	13
22.	M/s. Minpro Corporation	2
23.	M/s De-Beers India Pvt. Ltd.	2
24.	M/s. B. Vijay Kumar Technical Services Pvt. Ltd.	1
25.	M/s. Mira Exploration Pvt. Ltd.	1
26.	M/s. Emperor Granite Pvt. Ltd.	2
27.	M/s. Krystal Stone Incorporation	1
28.	M/s. WSIL Mineral Sand India Pvt. Ltd.	1
29.	M/s. Metal Mining India Ltd.	2
30.	M/s. Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.	2
31.	M/s Adi Gold Mining Pvt. Ltd.	1
32.	M/s Crown Mining Pvt. Ltd.	2
33.	M/s Hira Kund Diamond Exploration Pvt. Ltd.	1
34.	M/s CRA Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	4
	TOTAL	202