

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GOLD MINING
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MMTC is negotiating with the Government of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in respect of gold mining;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the status of negotiations as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to(c): MMTC is exploring the possibility of mining gold only in Uzbekistan. Discussions are in the critical stages.