

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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GOLD MINING ACTIVITIES BY PSUS IN AFRICAN NATIONS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some Indian Public Sector Companies have taken up gold mining activities in African nations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of agreement signed in this regard with various countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a)&(b) Presently, National Mineral Development Corporation(NMDC), a Public Sector Undertaking has been carrying out geological exploration for gold in United Republic of Tanzania. Exploration work involving survey, geological mapping, drilling, trench excavation, sampling etc. has been carried out. Further exploration work has been planned in promising blocks.

(c) NMDC has been granted two prospecting licences in Bulyang Ombe-I and Siga Hills area by the United Republic of Tanzania and is working in accordance with the same. No formal agreement has been signed by NMDC with the Government of United Republic of Tanzania .