

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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GEMS STONES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of the places where precious/less precious gems stones are available;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement any special scheme to promote mining and exploitation of the reserves of these stones in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the quantity and the value of the stone mined and utilised in the local market during each of the last three years?

Answer

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

(a): State-wise information on estimated deposits of precious/semi-precious gems stones is given in the Indian Minerals Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines. A copy has been supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b): No Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The production and value of precious and semi-precious stones during the year 2003-04 to 2005-06 is as under:-

(Value in Rs. `000)

Mineral Unit 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06(P)

Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

Agate	Tonne	55	33	25	15	5	3
Corundum	Kg.	117030	293	18560	43	58000	109
Diamond	Carat	71260	318107	78316	376241	44170	233365
Garnet (Gem)	Kg.	544	149	90	122	-	-

P - Provisional
Source - MCDR returns