

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1356  
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SETTING UP TITANIUM DI-OXIDE FACTORY  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

) whether there is huge deposits of heavy metals and strategic minerals like garnet and Titanium in the Beach sand along the sea coast of Kanyakumari-Tirunelveli-Tuticorin Districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for setting up a Tinanium Di-oxide factory by the Government; (

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to allow the private sectors for setting up such projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal for setting up Titanium Di-oxide Project by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. Private entrepreneurs have been evincing interest to set & up Titanium industries in & the States of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. M/s. Saraf Agencies Private Limited.

(e) Kolkata jointly with Titanium Mineral Products Limited, Bhubaneswar is proposing to set up an integrated Chemical and Metallurgical Complex in Orissa, by forming a joint venture with a Russian Company viz. , JSC Technochim Holding of St. Petersburg, to manufacture Titanium products.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh is intending to establish Mineral Separation Plants to Produce value added products under Joint venture with M/s. Bothi Trade AG., and M/s. V.V. Minerals(P). Ltd.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with M/s. Tata Steel Ltd. for setting up a Tittanium Di-oxide Project by M/s. Tata Steel Limited in Tuticorin.