

Tungsten Deposits in Rajasthan

*426. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the exploratory work has revealed huge deposits of tungsten in Rajasthan including the Haroti region of the State ;

(b) whether the State Government has formed a new tungsten development company to increase the production at the

initiative of the Defence Ministry ; and

(c) if so, the details of studies made about the areas and mining programme of tungsten in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) As a result of exploration for tungsten undertaken by the Geological Survey and other Government agencies the following reserves of tungsten ore have been estimated in Nagaur and Sirohi Districts of Rajasthan :

Location	Estimated Reserves
Nagaur District	
Degana	6,095,920 tonnes of ore with 0.035% of tungstate.
Sirohi District	
Balda	174,734.00 tonnes of ore with 0.17% of tungstate.
Deva-ka-Bera	13,065.00 tonnes of ore with 0.4% of tungstate.

No exploration for Tungsten has been carried out by the Geological Survey of India in Haroti region.

(b) Government of Rajasthan has set up Rajasthan State Tungsten Development Corporation, as a subsidiary of the Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation, for development of Tungsten in this State. The Central Government have provided funds to this Corporation for erection of pilot plant facilities for tungsten beneficiation

(c) Geological Survey of India carried out exploration at Balda and Deva-ka-Bera between 1978 to 1982. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited commenced exploratory mining at Balda in 1982 and has completed this work in two shear zones. Work in another shear zone is in progress. Regional integrated surveys by GSI for locating tungsten minerals are also in progress in Pali, Jalore, Tonk, Jhunjhunu, Sikar and Bhiwara districts of Rajasthan.

**Attack on Indian Weekly Journal
"Sandesh" in U. K**

*427. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Indian Express' of 25 July, 1984 wherein it has been stated that office of the Indian Weekly Journal 'Sandesh' in U. K. was set on fire and its two storeyed building almost gutted by extremists ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action Government have taken in regard thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes Sir.