

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1397
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

LITHIUM RESERVES IN KASHMIR

1397# SHRI JUGALSINH LOKHANDWALA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lithium reserves have been discovered in Kashmir, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is financially viable to undertake the mining of said reserves, if so, plan outlined for the same; and

(c) by when it is likely to extract lithium from said mines?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): GSI carried out a G3 stage project during Field Season 2020-21 and 2021-22 in Salal-Haimna areas of Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir and estimated an inferred resource (G3) of 5.9 million tonnes of lithium ore and the report has been handed over to the Government of Union Territory of J&K.

(b): The mineral block will be auctioned as Composite License (CL) by the Government of Union Territory of J&K. The financial viability will be determined after auctioning by the successful bidder.

(c): The likely date of extraction of lithium will depend upon successful auction of the mineral block.
