

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2197
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

FIELD SEASON PROGRAM IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2197. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Directorate for Exploration and Research has taken up five projects on Lithium under Field Season Program (FSP) in the State of Andhra Pradesh in 2021-22;
- (b) if so, the details of the FSP and whether any lithium resources were found in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of royalty that Government would pay to a State from where it extracts metals like lithium?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Geological Survey of India, an attached office of the Ministry of Mines, has carried out one reconnaissance survey (G4) exploration project in field season 2021-22 to assess potential of Lithium (Li) in parts of Parnapalle-Lopatanutula area, Anantapur and Kadapa districts, Andhra Pradesh.

A Geological Memorandum block named Tatireddipalle has been carved out from G4 stage project titled "Reconnaissance survey to assess potential of Lithium (Li) in parts of Parnapalle-Lopatanutula area, Anantapur and Kadapa Districts, Andhra Pradesh" which has been handed over to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for auction with composite license (CL).

State	Title of the report	Field Season	No of Blocks	Commodity
Andhra Pradesh	Geological memorandum on lithium mineralization in Tatireddipalle block, Kadapa district, Andhra Pradesh	2021-22	1	Lithium

(d): The royalty is payable by the lessee to the State Government for lithium ore extracted. The rate of royalty prescribed for lithium ore currently is 12% of average sale price on *ad valorem* basis.
