

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2200
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

GOLD DEPOSITS IN DISTRICTS OF ODISHA

2200 #. SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large deposits of gold have been found in Deogarh, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha in survey conducted by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and the State Directorate of Mines and Geology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated volume of gold reserves in the said areas; and
- (c) whether the consultation process for the exploration has been initiated after analysis of the findings of GSI, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Geological Survey of India (GSI), during Field Season Programme [FSP] 2018-19 carried out 'general exploration' (G2) for base metal in Adash block, Deogarh district of Odisha which revealed presence of gold as an associated metal, along with copper. GSI has established an indicated resource of 0.90 MT at 0.97 ppm of ores of gold in Adash block. The resource-bearing geological report has been handed over to the State Government of Odisha for auctioning. After auction of the block, the indicated resource may be upgraded to mineable reserve by successful bidders.
