

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *85 #
ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

RARE EARTH CORRIDOR AND DOWNSTREAM ECOSYSTEM

*85 # SHRI MANAN KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposed timeline for the new dedicated Rare earth corridors announced in the States of Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any special economic incentives to encourage private joint-venture processing of monazite within these specific coastal corridors;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the strategic research and development partnerships established with domestic institutions for processing high-purity rare-earth oxides during this financial year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 85 REGARDING 'RARE EARTH CORRIDOR AND DOWNSTREAM ECOSYSTEM' ASKED BY SHRI MANAN KUMAR MISHRA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR REPLY ON 27.07.2026.

(a) to (d): The Union Budget 2026-27 provided for the establishment of Rare Earth Corridor in Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu to promote mining, processing, research and manufacturing utilising Beach Sand Minerals (BSM). A Joint Working Group (JWG) comprising all stakeholder Ministries/Department of Government of India and the four State Governments was formed in this regard. IREL (India) Ltd. engaged with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) on development of suitable flowsheet to produce high purity Rare Earth Oxides. Additionally, Under the National Critical Minerals Mission, the Government has recognised nine premier institutes as Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for Research and Development (R&D) in critical minerals, including rare earth elements (REEs). The focus is on synergised efforts of all stakeholders towards strengthening India's critical minerals ecosystem.
