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PARTNERSHIPS FOR CRITICAL MINERALS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has strengthened bilateral and multilateral engagements to secure reliable access to critical minerals essential for clean energy, semiconductor manufacturing and defence production;
- (b) the countries with which India has entered into strategic partnerships for sourcing critical minerals;
- (c) whether geopolitical developments have affected India's long-term mineral security strategy; and
- (d) the measures taken to safeguard India's supply chains for strategically important minerals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (d) The Government has been constantly working to strengthen bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral engagements to secure reliable access to critical minerals essential for clean energy technologies, semiconductor manufacturing, defence production and other emerging technologies.

It has been engaging with partner countries and relevant international initiatives to enhance critical mineral supply chains, including cooperation relating to refining and processing technologies, securing long-term access to high-quality minerals, and promoting sustainable methods to ensure reliable supplies. India is also part of the initiatives to expand cooperation in research and development and investment across the critical minerals value chain.

In this regard, partnerships and cooperation arrangements have been entered into with countries such as Australia, Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, Peru, Japan, Zambia, Mozambique, Mongolia and the United States, to secure reliable access to critical minerals. India is also part of the multilateral initiatives such as Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) / the Forum on Responsible Geostrategic Engagement (FORGE) and the QUAD framework on critical minerals.

The Government has been taking measures to ensure long-term mineral security including through recycling of minerals from waste, technology sharing and collaborative research efforts relating to critical minerals. The Government has launched the National Critical Mineral Mission, which aims to secure a long-term sustainable supply of critical minerals and strengthen the critical mineral value chain covering exploration, mining, beneficiation, processing and recovery from end-of-life products. An Incentive Scheme to promote recycling capacity for extraction of critical minerals from secondary sources such as waste and scrap has been launched under the NCMM.
