

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1653**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018

**GEOLOGICAL REPORTS ON MINERAL BLOCKS**

1653. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Geological Survey of India is likely to provide geological reports of 18 mineral blocks to concerned States by the end of December, 2018 and of 13 more mines by the end of next year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to auction 100 mineral blocks in the current financial year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND COAL  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Geological Survey of India (GSI), an attached office of Ministry of Mines is finalizing detailed mineral exploration reports for handing over a total of 18 mineral blocks to the concerned State Governments by February, 2019. The mineral and State-wise details of these 18 reports, is as follows:

Mineral	No. of Reports	State
Iron Ore	4	Madhya Pradesh (1), Odisha (3)
Manganese	1	Odisha (1)
Gold	2	Karnataka (2)
Copper	6	Haryana (2) Rajasthan (1) Rajasthan (2) Rajasthan (1)
Bauxite	2	Chhattisgarh (1) Kerala (1)
Limestone	3	Chhattisgarh (1) Karnataka (1) Karnataka (1)

During its current field season 2018-19, GSI has taken up 14 mineral exploration items at detailed exploration stage. The geological reports of these items will be generated after conclusion of the investigations and subsequently after completion of the investigations, the number of resource bearing mineral blocks to be handed over to the State Governments gets finalized.

(c) & (d) : As per the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957 and the Rules framed there under, the State Governments are devolved upon the responsibility to carry out auction of mineral blocks in accordance with the prescribed law. As per the information provided by the State Governments, during the current financial year 2018-19, 18 blocks have been auctioned and 105 mineral blocks are proposed to be put on auction. The State-wise details of these mineral blocks are as follows:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Mineral Blocks auctioned so far</b>	<b>Mineral Blocks put up on auction/ proposed to be put up on auction</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	2 - (1 Limestone, 1 Gold)	-
2	Chhattisgarh	-	11 - (6 Bauxite, 5 Limestone)
3	Gujarat	-	4 - Limestone
4	Jharkhand	2 - (1 Iron Ore, 1 Graphite)	17 - (5 Graphite, 4 Limestone, 3 Bauxite, 2 Emerald, 1 Manganese, 1 Copper, 1 Dolomite/Limestone)
5	Karnataka	7 - Iron Ore	8 - (7 Manganese & Iron Ore, 1 Iron Ore)
6	Madhya Pradesh	5 - (3 Limestone, 1 Iron Ore, 1 Graphite)	13 - (6 Limestone, 3 Lead-Zinc-Copper, 2 Gold, 1 Bauxite, 1 Manganese)
7	Maharashtra	1 - Manganese	13 - (6 Bauxite, 3 Limestone, 2 Copper, 1 Iron Ore, 1 Manganese)
8	Odisha	-	20 - (3 Limestone, 11 Iron Ore, 1 Manganese, 1 Iron Ore & Manganese, 2 Bauxite, 2 Graphite)
9	Rajasthan	1 - Limestone	16 - (10 Limestone, 5 Copper & 1 Base metal)
10	Telangana	-	3 - Limestone Blocks
<b>Total</b>		<b>18 Blocks</b>	<b>105 Blocks</b>

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