

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 958
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023

PROMOTION OF MINERAL INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate an action plan to promote the mineral industry by amending the mining policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any exploration/survey to find out the mineral reserves in desert areas of Churu, Bikaner and in hilly areas of Ajmer, Udaipur, Jalore and Sirohi in Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof location-wise and mineral-wise and the quantum of mineral reserves likely to be explored?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Mines has announced the National Mineral Policy 2019 (“NMP 2019”) in March, 2019 which replaced the National Mineral Policy 2008. Subsequently, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR Act) 1957 was amended in the years 2020 and 2021.

The objectives of Mineral Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020 is to allow State Governments to take advance action for auction of mineral blocks before the expiry of lease period and to allow transfer of statutory clearances, permissions etc. to a new lessee facilitate seamless continuity of mining operations. Further, the MMDR Amendment Act, 2021 inter alia provides for increasing mineral production and time bound operationalization of mines, increasing employment and investment in the mining sector, maintaining continuity in mining operations after change of lessee, increasing the pace of exploration and auction of mineral resources and resolving long pending issues that have slowed the growth of the sector. Further, amendments to MMDR Act to increase exploration of minerals & mining of critical minerals is also proposed. These reforms will ensure self-sufficiency in mineral requirement of the country.

(c) & (d): As per the information received from the Geological Survey of India, an attached office of Ministry of Mines, Geological Memorandum handed over to the State Government of Rajasthan since 2015 are at **Annexure-1**.

Annexure-1

Details of (G2 level) Geological Memorandums handed over to the State Government of Rajasthan

S No	District	Name of the block	Commodity	Stage of exploration	Resources (in MT)	Field Season Program Year
1	Udaipur	Ladan Diggi Block	Basemetal	G2	1.20 million tonnes of copper resources with 0.60% average Cu grade	2019-20

Details of (G4 level) Geological Memorandums handed over to the State Government of Rajasthan

Sl No	State	District	Title of the report	FS year	Commodity
1	Rajasthan	Churu	Report on Potash Investigation in North-Western Rajasthan, Vol. 1	1974-1991	Potash
2	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Reconnaissance survey for copper mineralisation in Ladana Extension area, Udaipur district, Rajasthan.	2017-18	Basemetal copper
3	Rajasthan	Ajmer	Reconnaissance survey for base metal and associated mineralization in Deolia block, Bhilwara and Ajmer Districts, Rajasthan.	2019-20	Basemetal
4	Rajasthan	Sirohi	Reconnaissance survey for W and associated rare metals mineralization in south of Udwaria, Sirohi District, Rajasthan.	2019-20	Tungsten, REE & RM
5	Rajasthan	Udaipur and Dungarpur	Reconnaissance survey for Ni and associated PGE mineralization in Dewal- Khanmin- Wagdari area of Rikhabdev ultramafic rocks, Udaipur and Dungarpur district, Rajasthan.	2019-20	Ni and PGE
6	Rajasthan	Udaipur and Dungarpur	Reconnaissance survey for Ni and associated PGE mineralization in Rikhabdev ultramafic rocks of Rohanwara-Matugamra- Amarpura area, Udaipur and Dungarpur district, Rajasthan.	2018-19	Ni and PGE
7	Rajasthan	Udaipur and Dungarpur	Reconnaissance survey for Ni and associated PGE mineralization in Rikhabdev Ultramafic rocks of Rohanwara-Matugamra-Amarpura area, Udaipur and Dungarpur districts, Rajasthan.	2018-19	Ni and associated PGE
8	Rajasthan	Udaipur and Dungarpur		2018-19	Ni and associated PGE
9	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Geological Memorandum on Base metal, Ladana Block, Udaipur Districts, Rajasthan.	2020-21	Base metal copper
10	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Reconnaissance survey for copper, gold and iron mineralization in Padla-Chawand-Sarara area of Udaipur district, Rajasthan.	2016-17	Base metal
11	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Reconnaissance survey for copper mineralization in parts of Phalet area, Udaipur district, Rajasthan.	2020-21	Base metal