

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1827**  
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

**NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST (NMET)**

1827. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJAAMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up the National Mineral Exploration Trust for carrying out regional and detailed exploration for augmentation of mineral resource of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the locations where the said trust has found out minerals while exploration activities during the last nine years with the names and quantity of minerals explored;
- (c) whether there is any proposal pending to explore minerals in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) was established by the Government of India vide Gazette Notification G.S.R.633(E) of 14th August 2015, in pursuance of subsection (1) of Section 9C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, with the objective to boost the regional and detailed mineral exploration activities.

(b): Since inception NMET has funded 270 mineral exploration projects, out of which 162 projects have been completed and remaining 108 projects are ongoing. The details of completed projects and ongoing projects are placed at Annexure – I and Annexure – II, respectively. Out of 162 completed projects 11 projects have been auctioned by the respective state governments and 06 projects are in pipeline. The details are as follow:

<b>Successful Auctioned NMET Funded Mineral Blocks</b>					
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>No of Block</b>	<b>Total Quantity in MT</b>	<b>Revenue collection in Cr</b>
1	Madhya Pradesh	Limetone	1	209.77	7310
2	Uttar Pradesh	Phosphorite	1	16.52	3193
3	Rajasthan	Limetone	2	321.55	29704
4	Chhattisgarh	Limetone	1	77.84	4180
5	Karnataka	Limetone	1	812.67	2666
6	Maharashtra	Manganese	2	0.283	93
7	Odisha	Iron	3	234.15	122509
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>1672.783</b>	<b>169655</b>

### NMET Block under Auction Process

Sl. No	State	Commodity	No of Block	Total Quantity in MT	
1	Karnataka	Limestone	1	459	
2	Tamil Nadu	Limestone	5	432	
<b>Total</b>			6	891	

(c) & (d): NMET receives proposals from Exploration Agencies and the proposals are sanctioned by the Executive Committee, which meets regularly. At present, no proposal is pending.

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**Location wise details of mineral exploration projects funded by NMET**

Annexure- I

Sl.no.	State	No. of Projects Completed	No. of Project Successful	Remarks/Commodities
1	Andhra Pradesh	12	8	Basemetal, Coal, Diamond, Limestone,
2	Assam	1	0	Sillimanite
3	Chhattisgarh	18	11	Nickle, Copper, Gold, Coal, Limestone, Bauxite & Associated minerals
4	Jharkhand	10	2	Bauxite, Copper, Limestone, Iron Ore, Gold & Basemetal, Andalusite, Tin, Lead, Zinc
5	Karnataka	14	4	Basemetal, Kyanite, Limestone, Iron Ore, Gold, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Nickle, Graphite
6	Kerala	2	0	Gold, Bauxite
7	Madhya Pradesh	14	7	Limestone, Basemetals, Gold, Manganese Phosphorite, Graphite, Coal
8	Maharashtra	7	1	Manganese, Iron Ore Nickel Chromium & Gold, PGE Mineralization, Barium Gold Lead Copper & Tungsten
9	Nagaland	2	2	Limestone, Magnetite/Ni-Co-Cr
10	Odisha	30	21	Iron, Copper, Manganese, Limestone, Bauxite, Graphite
11	Rajasthan	23	8	Manganese, Iron, Copper, Basemetal & Silver, Potash, Magnesite, Molybdenum, Emerald, Gold & REE
12	Tamilnadu	11	10	Lignite, Dunite, Nickle, Chromium & PGE, Limestone, Magnesite
13	Telangana	14	11	Limestone, Molybdenum, Manganese, Copper
14	Uttar Pradesh	3	2	Phosphorite, Copper, Lead-Zinc
15	West Bengal	1	1	Coal
	<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>88</b>	

**Details of ongoing projects**

Annexure- II

Sl.no.	State/UT	No. of ongoing Projects
1	Gujarat	06
2	Assam	03
3	Chhattisgarh	09
4	Jharkhand	12
5	Karnataka	12
6	Jammu & Kashmir	01
7	Madhya Pradesh	22
8	Maharashtra	12
9	Ladakh	01
10	Odisha	21
11	Rajasthan	03
12	Tamilnadu	01
13	Telangana	01
14	Manipur	01
15	Sikkim	01
16	Uttarakhand	02
	<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

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