

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1648
ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020

RESERVES OF GOLD AND DIAMONDS

1648. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Mehaboobnagar, Palamuru, Wanaparthi, Nagarkurnool, Gadwal, Nalgonda and Suryapet districts in Telangana have reserves of gold, diamonds and other precious metals as per Mines Department of Government of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that this task has been handed over to National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with Geological Survey of India (GSI) in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Geological Survey of India (GSI), an attached Department under Ministry of Mines has carried out reconnaissance surveys (G4 stage exploration as per United Nations Framework Classification) for gold in parts of Mehabubnagar, Jogulamba Gadwal, Wanaparthi and Nalgonda Districts of Telangana. However no gold resource has been estimated. As regards diamond, GSI carried out G4 stage exploration to search for source rock for diamond, i.e., kimberlite and lamproite rocks in parts of Mehabubnagar, Vikarabad, Jogulamba Gadwal, Wanaparthi and Nagarkurnool Districts of Telangana. However, no indicator minerals for identification of source rock of diamond have been found in these surveys.

Further, the Ministry of Mines has not received any Inputs from the Mines Department of Government of Telangana in this matter.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. National Mineral Development Corporation [NMDC], has not been tasked with any gold or diamond exploration by the State Government of Telangana. Further, no consultation have been held with GSI in this regard.
