

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 358**  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021

**NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST**

358. SHRI RITESH PANDEY

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government established a PPP model 'National Mineral Exploration Trust' (NMET) to encourage private sector participation and for giving a fillip to mineral exploration in the country;
- (b) the number of private exploration agencies empanelled for the NMET till date; and
- (c) the number of projects approved for NMET along with the details of the Mineral-wise and State-wise distributions of mineral exploration projects approved under the aforesaid project till date?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The Government has established National Minerals Exploration Trust (NMET) for giving a fillip to mineral exploration in the country. It has not been established on a PPP model.
- (b) No private exploration agencies have empanelled for the NMET till date.
- (c) A total of 191 number of projects have been approved till date by NMET. Details of the mineral and state wise approved projects are given below;
- i. Mineral-wise distribution of mineral exploration projects approved till date;

Sl. No.	Commodity	No. of Projects
1	Iron Ore	18
2	Limestone	77
3	Manganese	18
4	Bauxite	16
5	Copper	7
6	Gold	6
7	Gold and Basemetal	4
8	Basemetal	7
9	Copper and Gold	2
10	Fe-Ni-Cr	1
11	Tin	1

12	Coal/Lignite	4
13	PGE	1
14	Diamond	2
15	Andalusite	1
16	Fertilizer Minerals	4
17	Tungsten	1
18	Magnesite	1
19	Environmental Studies	1
20	Associated Minerals	5
21	Molybdenum	1
22	Baseline Geoscience Surveys	13
	Total	191

(ii) State-wise distribution of mineral exploration projects approved till date;

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of Projects
1	Andhra Pradesh	12
2	Chhattisgarh	18
3	Jharkhand	9
4	Karnataka	11
5	Kerala	2
6	Madhya Pradesh	12
7	Maharashtra	7
8	Nagaland	2
9	Odisha	32
10	Rajasthan	19
11	Tamil Nadu	9
12	Telangana	44
13	Uttar Pradesh	1
14	Baseline Geoscience Survey	13
	Total	191

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