GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINES LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 258 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

GSI SURVEY

*258. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is conducting any survey/mapping through Geological Survey of India (GSI) to reassess the possibility of tungsten or lithium mineralization near Rewat hills in Degana region of Nagaur district, Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made and survey reports received in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government of Rajasthan has submitted any report regarding the availability/non-availability of tungsten in the said region and if so, the details of the said report;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to issue any directions to prepare a quick plan to restart the mining of tungsten in the said region;
- (e) if so, the time by which the said plan is likely to be prepared; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 258 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2021 ASKED BY SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL REGARDING GSI SURVEY.

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Based on positive outcome of earlier works in and around Rewat Hill, exploration for tungsten and associated mineralization has been carried out by GSI in Rewat Hill, Degana during its Field Season [FS] 2017-18 and a reconnaissance resource of 1.36 MT (Tungsten grade 0.07%) has been established. In continuation to the findings, during FS 2019-21, GSI has taken up a G2 stage exploration program for tungsten and lithium in and around Rewat Hill, Degana, Nagaur District, Rajasthan for establishing the strike continuity and depth extension of tungsten, lithium and associated mineralisation.
- (c): No, Sir. The Government of Rajasthan has not submitted any report regarding the availability/ non-availability of tungsten in the said region i.e. near Rewat hills in Degana region of Nagaur district, Rajasthan.
- (d): Any plan to start mining of tungsten in the region will be taken up after receipt of report of exploration programme.

(e) & (f): In view of (d) above, question does not arise.
