

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 621
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

GSI SURVEY ON GOLD

621. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a Geological survey of India (GSI), survey around 222.88 million tonnes of gold reserve, including 37.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore, are present in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the consultation process for exploration has been initiated after analyzing such findings of GSI; and

(d) if so, the details and present status thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No, sir. As per National Mineral Inventory (NMI), the resources of gold ore in Bihar, as on 01.04.2015, fall under 'Remaining Resources' Category, not 'Reserves' Category. The gold ore resources are estimated through G4 and G3 stage of exploration thereby establishing Reconnaissance (334) resources of 94 Million tonnes and Inferred (333) resources of 128.88 Million tonnes respectively. The entire gold ore resource is reported in Sono area of Jamui District by Directorate of Geology and Mining, Bihar. Further, there is no change in total resource of gold in NMI updated data of Bihar as on 01.04.2020.

(c) & (d): In view of (a) & (b) above, Question does not arise.
