GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.251 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

TUNGSTEN AND LITHIUM MINING IN NAGAUR

†251. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey/investigation/exploration work is in progress by the Geological Survey of India to examine Tungsten and Lithium rich mineralised areas in Nagaur district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of various places in the district where such work has been carried out or is being carried out along with details of the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) whether the Government, on the basis of its findings of previously known reserves of Tungsten in Rewat hills of Degana region in Nagaur district in Rajasthan and the current survey etc., is considering to formulate a quick plan to resume mining of Tungsten once again in this area;

(d) if so, the details thereof and time by which it is likely to be formulated; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Yes. Survey for Tungsten and Lithium rich mineralised areas in Nagaur district of Rajasthan is in progress by the Geological Survey of India. From Field Season 2017-18 to Field Season 2023-24, GSI has taken up 08 exploration projects for Tungsten & Lithium in Naguar district, Rajasthan (details in Annexure -I).

Based on the encouraging results of G3 stage exploration carried out by GSI in Rewat Hill area, Nagaur district during Field Season 2017-18, one G2 stage exploration program for tungsten and lithium in and around Rewat Hill, Degana area, Nagaur district was taken up during Field Season: 2019-20 & 2020-21. During Field Season: 2022-23, two G2 projects have been taken up in the NW extension and SE extension of Rewat hill block and one G3 project in Pipaliya block has been taken up in order to check the continuity of tungsten and lithium bearing mineralized zones. The resource bearing report on Rewat Hill (amalgamated block) has been handed over by GSI to the Ministry of Mines for auction.

(c) & (d): Yes, the Central Government is reviewing geological reports of Rewat Tungsten block to examine suitability for auction. After successful auction of the block, the preferred bidder will obtain necessary statutory clearances before commencement of production.

(e): does not arise in view of reply to (c) and (d) above.

Mineral exploration projects taken up by GSI in Nagaur district of Rajasthan

SI. No.	FS year	State	District	Name of Mineral Block / Area/ Belt	UNFC Stage	Mineral Commodity	Remarks
11 1	2017- 18	Rajasthan	Nagaur	Rewat Hill, Degana	G3	Tungsten and associated elements	Work completed. Follow up G2 project taken up in 2019-20 & 2020-21
2	2019- 20	Rajasthan	Nagaur	Rewat Hill, Degana	G2	Tungsten, Lithium	Report handed over
3	2020- 21	Rajasthan	Nagaur	Rewat Hill, Degana	G2	5 /	to Ministry of Mines.
4		Rajasthan	Nagaur	Pipaliya	G3	Tungsten, Lithium	The final report was circulated in January, 2024
5	2022- 23	Rajasthan		NW extension of Rewat Hill	G2	Lithium	Report handed over to Ministry of Mines.
6		Rajasthan	Nagaur	SE extension of Rewat Hill	G2	Lithium	Report handed over to Ministry of Mines.
7	2023- 24	Rajasthan	Nagaur	Miyan ki Dhani east	G3	Lithium	Field work completed and report finalization is in progress.
8		Rajasthan	Nagaur	NE of Jalsu Khurd	G3	Tungsten, Lithium	Field work completed and report finalization is in progress.