

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2586**  
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

**GOLD AND MINERAL RESERVES IN KHAJURAHO**

2586. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that sizeable resources of gold associated with copper, silver and lead have recently been found in the Imaliya area of Katni District and low silica-dolomite reserves have been established in Panna and Chhatarpur districts of Khajuraho Parliamentary Constituency;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government for commercial exploitation of these mineral resources so as to help develop local industrial ecosystem and benefit local population;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Geological Survey of India (GSI), during the field season 2016-17 has taken up one G2 exploration project for gold, silver & basemetal in Imaliya block, Sleemanabad area, Katni district, Madhya Pradesh. The resource augmented during the investigation is as follows:

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Assay Value</b>	<b>Resource (in tonnes)</b>
Gold in ppm	1.13	346645
Silver in ppm	60.4	460143.54
Copper in %	1.01	254047.93
Lead in %	0.97	235430.45
Zinc in %	0.58	220432.54

As regards low silica dolomite in Panna and Chhatarpur Districts, GSI has not taken up any exploration survey/ project for low silica dolomite in Panna and Chhatarpur districts of Khajuraho Parliamentary Constituency, Madhya Pradesh. The Directorate of Geology and Mining, Madhya Pradesh carried out exploration for dolomite in Lohani and Hirapur blocks of Chhatarpur and Sagar districts in 2013-14. The MgO percentage is below 18% with higher percentage of SiO<sub>2</sub>. So, it is not classified under Dolomite category and therefore, no further steps have been taken.

(b) & (c): The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has auctioned the Imaliya gold block, Katni District in the year 2020. The letter of intent for mining lease has been issued to M/s Prospect Resource Ltd. on 21.09.2020 which is valid upto 20.09.2025.

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

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