

MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †1671
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST

†1671. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which mineral exploration activities have been extended support by the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) during the last one year, particularly with regard to the critical minerals;
- (b) whether NMET has provided financial assistance to the projects being run by private exploration agencies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) During last one year, National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) has extended support to mineral exploration activities in the country, particularly with respect to critical minerals, in the following manner:

- i. Funding for mineral exploration projects executed by State DGMs/DMGs, NEAs, Central PSUs and NPEAs.
- ii. Financial assistance to State DGMs/DMGs and Central Government organizations for procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment etc. to strengthen their capacity for enhancing exploration activities.
- iii. Exploration Incentive of 25% for G-4 exploration projects of critical/strategic minerals, and other minerals, if the block is upgraded from G4 to G3 or successfully auctioned.

(b) & (c) NMEDT has provided financial assistance to the projects implemented by Notified Private Exploration Agencies. In the last one year, NMEDT has sanctioned an amount of ₹158.10 Cr for 60 projects to NPEAs.
