

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 172**  
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026

**SURVEY FOR RARE EARTH MATERIAL**

\*172. SHRI VIVEK THAKUR

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey regarding the potential availability of rare earth materials in Nawada and Sheikhpura districts of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to conduct scientific exploration/survey in the said areas through Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL); and
- (c) if so, the proposed timeline fixed to conduct the said survey and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Government of India  
Department of Atomic Energy

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 172 FOR REPLY ON 11.02.2026 REGARDING “SURVEY FOR RARE EARTH MATERIAL” ASKED BY SHRI VIVEK THAKUR

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- (a) Yes, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), is carrying out G4-stage geological and radiometric surveys in Koderma district and adjoining areas, including parts of Nawada district, Bihar for exploration of critical and strategic minerals, including minerals of Rare Earth Elements (REE). However, at present AMD is not carrying out survey in Sheikhpura district, Bihar.
- (b)&(c) Scientific exploration/survey is the mandate of Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).

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