

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 465**  
ANSWERED ON 25.03.2026

**DEDICATED RARE EARTH CORRIDORS**

\*465. SMT. MAHIMA KUMARI MEWAR

SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a detailed plan for setting up Dedicated Rare Earth Corridors in the country especially in Rajasthan and Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the recently launched Rare Earth Permanent Magnet Manufacturing Scheme will help in establishing India as a global exporter of high-end magnets for the defence and aerospace sectors;
- (c) the achievements made so far by the Geological Survey of India in the field of enhancing rare earth ore resources;
- (d) whether the Government has successfully integrated the facilities of IREL (India) Limited along with the new Rare Earth Corridor and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to develop rare-earth exploration, processing and manufacturing infrastructure in Odisha, particularly in Keonjhar Lok Sabha Constituency and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN RESPECT OF  
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REGARDING DEDICATED RARE EARTH CORRIDORS ASKED BY SMT.  
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(a) The Government has announced establishment of rare earths corridor in the union budget 2026-27 covering the state of Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

(b) Yes. The Union Cabinet approved the scheme to promote manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 and the same was notified on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. This initiative aims to establish 6,000 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) of integrated REPM manufacturing in India, thereby enhancing self-reliance and positioning India as a key player in the global REPM market. The Scheme seeks to establish end-to-end REPM manufacturing capabilities within the country, from processing rare earth oxides, to producing metals and alloys, and finally manufacturing finished magnets.

(c) As on outcome of exploration activities for Rare Earth Elements, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has augmented cumulative REE ore resources of 763 million tonnes across the country, evaluated at different cut-off values and average grades since Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 (Annexure-I).

(d) IREL operates a Rare Earths Extraction Plant in Odisha and a Rare Earth refining Plant at Aluva in Kerala both of which align with the Corridor initiative. Government of India aims to integrate IREL's facilities with the new corridors to expand domestic rare earth capacity, foster advanced manufacturing and accelerate India's transition towards self-reliance and clean energy.

(e) Yes. Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), is carrying out integrated and multi-disciplinary exploration to identify and augment REE resources in beach sand minerals and hard rock terrains in potential geological domains of the country, including Odisha. AMD is presently carrying out exploration to identify additional resources of monazite (a mineral of REE and thorium) in the beach sand deposits along coastal tracts of the country, including Puri district, Odisha. However, AMD, is not carrying out exploration for REE in Keonjhar Lok Sabha Constituency, Odisha.

In addition, GSI over the last four years (2021-22 to 2024-25), has carried out 17 mineral exploration projects for Rare Earth Elements- Rare Metals (REE-RM), in the state of Odisha. In 2025-26, GSI has taken up 3 mineral exploration projects in Nayagarh and Balangir districts for REE-RM, in Odisha (Annexure-II). GSI has been engaged in exploration activities for various mineral commodities such as manganese, gold, iron, nickel etc. in Kendujhar (Keonjhar) district, Odisha, over the years. However, no exploration projects targeting REEs have been undertaken by GSI in the Keonjhar district.

**Annexure-I****State-wise cumulative resource augmented by GSI for REE at various cut-off and grades since MMDR Amendment Act, 2015**

Resource in Million Tonne

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>REE-RM</b>	<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>REE-RM</b>
1	Assam	30.51	7	Maharashtra	76.6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2.15	8	Rajasthan	83.59
3	Bihar	81.03	9	Uttar Pradesh	0.342
4	Gujarat	459.99	10	Tamil Nadu	4.62
5	Jharkhand	0.0092	11	Telangana	10.85
6	Karnataka	13.11	12	West Bengal	0.68
<b>Total</b>					<b>763</b>

**Annexure-II**

**The details of mineral exploration projects taken up on REE-RM by GSI in the state of Odisha since 2021-22 to 2025-26**

<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>FS Year</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Name of Mineral Block/ Area</b>	<b>UNFC Stage</b>	<b>Mineral Commodity</b>
1	2021-22	Odisha	Nayagarh	Khuntapada-Purushottampura	G4	REE, RM
2		Odisha	Boudh and Subarnapur	Damamunda-Bilasapur	G4	REE, RM
3		Odisha	Koraput	Koraput	G4	REE, RM
4		Odisha	Balangir	Ampali-Badipura-Saintala	G4	Basemetal, graphite and REE
5	2022-23	Odisha	Sundargarh	Garjanjor	G3	Phosphorite, REE
6		Odisha	Boudh and Sonapur	Gabjor	G4	REE, RM
7		Odisha	Nayagarh	Notara-Baulasahi	G4	REE, RM
8	2023-24	Odisha	Nayagarh	Khuntapada-Arkhapal	G3	REE, RM
9		Odisha	Angul	Debinagar	G4	REE
10		Odisha	Ganjam	Kumbharajholi-Borada	G4	REE, RM
11	2024-25	Odisha	Nayagarh	Koriekahania-Baulasahi-Badbhuin	G3	REE, RM
12		Odisha	Nuapara	Bhela-Babupalli-Udaybandh	G4	REE, RM, PGE
13		Odisha	Jharsuguda	Kholdipa- Ghicha mura	G4	REE, RM
14		Odisha	Boudh	Palsagora-Pindapadar	G4	REE, RM
15		Odisha	Koraput	Dammaparha-Mathili	G4	Tin, REE
16		Odisha	Angul	Debinagar east	G4	REE
17		Odisha	Nuapara	Rajna–Mahulpadar	G4	REE, RM, PGE
18	2025-26	Odisha	Nayagarh	Notara-Tentuliapalli-Ikiri	G3	REE, RM
19		Odisha	Nayagarh	Sankhei-Tentuliapalli-Nachhipur	G3	REE, RM
20		Odisha	Balangir	Tepren-Shibatala	G4	REE, RM