

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No. †\*528**  
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026

**FUNDS AND PROJECT OUTCOMES UNDER NMEDT**

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SHRI KALI CHARAN SINGH

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of funds collected under the National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) along with the amount sanctioned for mineral exploration projects during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of mineral exploration projects approved under the NMEDT during the last five years along with their distribution, State and project-wise including Chhattisgarh and Karnataka;
- (c) whether any projects are under implementation in Dakshin Kannada district and if so, the details thereof along with their current status;
- (d) the separate number of projects completed under progress and at different stages of exploration as well;
- (e) the agencies and institutions currently engaged in carrying out exploration activities under NMEDT including the participation of private exploration agencies;
- (f) the number of mineral blocks identified or advanced to the detailed exploration stage through NMEDT-supported projects in the country particularly in Karnataka; and
- (g) the number of such blocks subsequently made available for auction or further development?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*\*528 REGARDING 'FUNDS AND PROJECT OUTCOMES UNDER NMEDT' ASKED BY SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA AND SHRI KALI CHARAN SINGH, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FOR REPLY ON 01<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2026.**

- a. Year-wise detail of fund collected under the National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) along with the amount sanctioned for mineral exploration projects during last five years (from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26) is given at **Annexure 1**.
- b. Details of mineral exploration projects approved under NMEDT during last 5 years (State-wise), including Chhattisgarh and Karnataka are given at **Annexure 2**.

Details of exploration projects are available at <https://nmet.gov.in/>.

- c. 02 Baseline survey projects of Geological Survey of India under the National Aero-geophysical Mapping Programme in Block 7 (in Belthangady, Moodubidire & Mulki talukas) and Block 16 (in Mangaluru, Moodabidri, Mulki, Ullala, Bantwala, Belthangady, Puttur, Sullia & Kadaba talukas) of Dakshin Kannada district funded under NMEDT have been taken up.
- d. 570 mineral exploration projects in G1, G2, G3, G4 and RMT stage have been taken up, out of which 302 projects have been completed.
- e. List of agencies, including Notified Private Exploration Agencies, engaged in exploration activities under NMEDT is given at **Annexure 3**.
- f. & (g) 40 NMEDT funded projects have been upgraded, including 23 projects to G3 stage and 17 projects to G2 stage. This includes 01 project upgraded to G2 stage in Karnataka. Out of these, 08 projects were subsequently made available for auction, from which 11 blocks were carved out and successfully auctioned.

**Annexure 1**

**Detail of fund collected under NMEDT along with the amount sanctioned for mineral exploration projects during last five years**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fund Collected (₹ in Crore)</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (₹ in Crore)</b>
1	2021-22	885.60	84.39
2	2022-23	934.72	168.96
3	2023-24	950.97	148.36
4	2024-25	1,001.42	306.16
5	2025-26	1,055.45	375.43
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,828.16</b>	<b>1,083.30</b>

## Annexure 2

**State/UT -wise details of mineral exploration projects approved under NMEDT during last 5 years (from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Projects</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	5
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4
3	Assam	15
4	Chhattisgarh	28
5	Gujarat	49
6	Jammu and Kashmir	1
7	Jharkhand	28
8	Karnataka	29
9	Kerala	4
10	Ladakh	1
11	Madhya Pradesh	68
12	Maharashtra	37
13	Manipur	3
14	Meghalaya	2
15	Nagaland	2
16	Odisha	43
17	Punjab	2
18	Rajasthan	44
19	Sikkim	1
20	Tamil Nadu	14
21	Telangana	22
22	Uttar Pradesh	6
23	Uttarakhand	9
24	West Bengal	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>421</b>

**List of Exploration Agencies currently engaged in carrying out exploration activities under NMEDT**

<b>STATE DGM/ DMG</b>	
1.	Assam
2.	Chhattisgarh
3.	Gujarat
4.	Karnataka
5.	Maharashtra
6.	Meghalaya
7.	Nagaland
8.	Odisha
9.	Uttar Pradesh
<b>Exploration Agency (EA)/Notified Exploration Agencies (NEAs)</b>	
10.	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)
11.	Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDI)
12.	FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL)
13.	Jharkhand Exploration and Mining Corporation Limited (JEMCL)
14.	Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL)
15.	Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL)
16.	Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Limited (MPSMC)
17.	Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC)
18.	Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation (TGMDC)
<b>Notified Private Exploration agencies (NPEAs)</b>	
19.	M/s. Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt. Ltd.
20.	M/s. Critical Mineral Trackers
21.	M/s. Earthenviro Lab Private Limited
22.	M/s. Engeotech Consultant
23.	M/s. Envirogreen Consultants (India) Private Limited
24.	M/s. GeoExpOre Private Limited
25.	M/s. Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited
26.	M/s. Geo Marine Solutions Private Limited
27.	M/s. Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.
28.	M/s. Hindmetal Exploration Services Private Limited
29.	M/s. Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd
30.	M/s. Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited
31.	M/s. MMPL Private Limited
32.	M/s. Natural Resource Division-Tata Steel Limited
33.	M/s. Ocean Drilling and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.
34.	M/s. PRB Infraprojects Private Limited
35.	M/s. Steiger Geoscience and Engineering Private Limited
36.	M/s. Vardan Environet LLP
37.	M/s. United Exploration India Private Limited
38.	M/s. Geo Exploration and Mining Solution