

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †6192**  
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026

**EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF POTASH MINERALS IN RAJASTHAN**

†6192. SHRI KULDEEP INDORA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that indications have been received regarding the presence of potential reserves of potash mineral in certain areas of western Rajasthan including the districts of Sri Ganganagar and Hanumangarh;
- (b) if so, the details of the estimated potash reserves based on the geological surveys and exploration conducted so far in these areas and the locations identified;
- (c) whether the Government has auctioned/proposed the process of auction of any mining blocks for the exploitation of these potential potash reserves and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes any special plan to develop these reserves with a view to reducing the country's dependence on potash fertilizer imports and to promote regional industrial development and employment generation; and
- (e) the expected timeline for the implementation of the said projects?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a) and (b): The location-wise details of resources of potash in Rajasthan are given at Annexure-I.

(c): The Government has auctioned two blocks of Potash for the grant of the Composite Licence in Hanumangarh district, Rajasthan. The details are as follows:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Block</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Year</b>
1.	Jhandawali - Satipura Amalgamated Potash and Halite Block, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan	Potash and Halite	2025-26
2.	Jorkian-Satipura-Khunja Amalgamated Potash and Halite Block, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan	Potash and Halite	2025-26

(d) and (e): After auction of mineral block, the preferred bidder undertakes further exploration, feasibility and economic viability studies. The regional industrial development, employment generation, etc. depend upon mining operations taken up after such studies.

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**Location-wise details of resources of potash established in the State of Rajasthan**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Location/ Block</b>	<b>UNFC Stage</b>	<b>Resource (in million tonne)</b>
1.	Bikaner	Hanseran	G4	16.13
2.	Bikaner	Lakhasar Block	G3	108.98
3.	Bikaner	Lakhasar sub-basin	G3	25.94
4.	Bikaner	Lakhasar East Block	G3	24.76
5.	Fazilka, Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab) and Sri Ganganagar (Rajasthan)	Fazilka, Sri Muktsar Sahib and Sri Ganganagar	G4	194.58
6.	Hanumangarh	Bharusari North	G3	5.84
7.	Hanumangarh	Bharusari sub basin	G3	12.83
8.	Hanumangarh	Bawriyanwali Dhani Southeast	G3	4.03
9.	Hanumangarh	Chistiyan South Block	G2	6.61
10.	Hanumangarh	Dhankowali Dhani (North) Block	G3	74.22
11.	Hanumangarh	Jhandawali North Block	G3	8.24
12.	Hanumangarh	Jorkian South Block	G3	17.77
13.	Hanumangarh	Jakharanwali	G4	3.39
14.	Hanumangarh	Jhandawali South Block	G3	9.51
15.	Hanumangarh	Khunja (NW) block	G3	12.39
16.	Hanumangarh	Makkasar	G3	7.61
17.	Hanumangarh	Makkasar North	G3	11.35
18.	Hanumangarh	Nai Basti	G3	6.16
19.	Hanumangarh	Satipura sub-basin	G3	133.07