

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3886**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2015

**URANIUM RESERVES IN SRISAILAM**

3886 SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a team of Osmania University and Atomic Minerals Directorate (AMD) from Hyderabad has made a major discovery of large quantities of uranium reserves in Srisaillam forests;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consider setting up a nuclear power plant around that area; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a)&(b) No, Sir. Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) is a constituent Unit under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has neither undertaken any joint-exploration with Osmania University for the discovery of uranium in Srisaillam Forest area nor has reported any new occurrence of uranium in the area along with Osmania University. However, AMD has already located significant uranium deposits along the Srisaillam forests and its vicinity at Lambapur (1991), Peddagattu (1993) and Chitral (1995) in Nalgonda district, Telangana and Koppunuru (1994) in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. The status of uranium deposits (as of June 2015) located by AMD in the Nalgonda district, Telangana and Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh are given below:

State	District	Name of the deposit (year of discovery)	Uranium reserves	
			U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (t)	U (t)
Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Koppunuru (1994)	2,761	2,341
Telangana	Nalgonda	Lambapur (1991)	1,450	1,230
		Peddagattu (1993)	7,585	6,432
		Chitrial (1995)	9,515	8,069

- (c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration at hand.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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