

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 212
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2015
CLOSED DIAMOND MINES**

212. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of **MINES** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of closed and abandoned diamond mines in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any exploration study to find out diamond reserves in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) whether any steps have been taken for rehabilitation of closed and abandoned diamond mines in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a): There are no closed and abandoned diamond mines. Panna Diamond mine is only diamond producing mines in the country which is under operation.
- (b): Yes Madam. Geological Survey of India (**GSI**), an attached office of Ministry of Mines, has been conducting exploration of Kimberlite Clan Rocks (**KCR**) which is the source of diamond.
- (c): State-wise and year-wise details of investigation programme taken up by GSI for KCR during the XII Plan period and the details of programmes taken up during Current Field Season 2015-16 are given in Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.
- (d): Does not arise in view of the reply given to (a) above.

Annexure-I & II mentioned in reply to lok sabha unstarred question number 212 for 30.11.2015 regarding closed diamond mines asked by Shri Dushyant Chautala

Annexure-I

Details of investigation programmes taken up by GSI for Kimberlite Clan Rocks during XII Plan period

States	Field Season 2012-13	Field Season 2013-14	Field Season 2014-15	Field Season 2015-16
Andhra Pradesh	2	2	3	1
Telangana	-	-	-	3
Karnataka	2	3	2	2
Chhattisgarh	2	3	2	2
Maharashtra	1	-	-	-
Jharkhand	-	-	1	1
Grand Total	7	8	8	9

Annexure-II

Details of Programmes taken up during Current Field Season 2015-16

Sl. No.	Title of Programmes
1	Search for kimberlite clan rocks in Mahasamund, Balodabazar and Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.
2	Search for kimberlite clan rocks in Mahasamund district, Chhattisgarh.
3	Search for Kimberlite/Lamproite in parts of Simdega District, Jharkhand
4	Search for kimberlite/lamproite in Kolhapur and Srirangapur blocks in Mahabubnagar and Kurnool districts, Andhra Pradesh.
5	Investigation for secondary diamond in Munneru-Paleru river basin area in Khammam and Krishna districts of Telengana and Andhra Pradesh
6	Investigation for secondary diamonds in the Pennar river basin between Jammalamadugu Chennur in Cuddapah district, Andhra Pradesh.
7	Research Project for study of Kimberlites and diamonds from Wajrakarur and Narayanpet area, Mahabubnagar, Kurnool districts, Andhra Pradesh and Gulbarga, Raichur districts, Karnataka, Dharwar Craton, India [MoU between GSI and De Beers India Pvt Ltd (DIPL)]
8	Regional survey to locate kimberlites in Kudligi block, Bellary and Chitradurga districts, Karnataka.
9	Regional survey to locate kimberlites in Molakalmuru block, Bellary and Chitradurga districts, Karnataka.