

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4608
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.04.2015

ILLEGAL MINING OF URANIUM

4608. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of huge availability of uranium in Meghalaya;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware of illegal mining of uranium in the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to deal with such illegal mining?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit under the Department of Atomic Energy, has so far identified 21,180 tonnes *in-situ* uranium resources in the state of Meghalaya
- (c) No such information is available with the Government
- (d)&(e) Do not arise in view of reply to (c) above.
