

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1246
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.08.2012

NEW URANIUM MINES IN THE COUNTRY

1246. DR. V. MAITREYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to acquire uranium mines in other countries with a view to ensure continuous supply of uranium to nuclear reactors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether efforts are being made by Government to explore new uranium mines in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) :

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A proposal to form a Joint Venture Company between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), two Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy to explore the possibility of acquiring uranium assets abroad has been recommended by the Atomic Energy Commission.
- (c)&(d) Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), is engaged in activities for establishing uranium resources in the country required for the Nuclear Power Programme, through multi-disciplinary survey and exploration, which include heliborne geophysical surveys also.

Important areas which are currently under survey and exploration include Tummalapalle-Rachakuntapalle in Cuddapah District; Koppunuru in Guntur District & Chitrial in Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh; Rohil, in Sikar District of Rajasthan; Wahkut and Umthongkut areas of west Khasi Hills of Meghalaya; Gogi in Yadgir District of Karnataka; Singridungri-Banadungri in East Singhbhum District and Bandurdih, Seraikela-Kharaswan District of Jharkhand.
