

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1232  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**NATIONAL MINERAL INVENTORY**

**1232. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is undertaking a project to create a National Mineral Inventory in the country;
- (b) if so, the mineral-wise, State-wise and district-wise details of the projects to create the inventory and the current status of progress and expected period of completion of the inventory;
- (c) the allocation and utilization of funds for creation of National Mineral Inventory during last three years; and
- (d) the mineral-wise and district-wise reserves of all the minerals except coal available in the State of West Bengal?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): and (b): Preparation and updation of National Mineral Inventory (**NMI**) is already being carried out by adopting 'United Nations Framework Classification' and it is being maintained in data base in Indian Bureau of Mines (**IBM**), a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines. The NMI is prepared and updated periodically every five years. Presently, the updation of NMI as on 1.4.2015 for 71 minerals is in progress and would be completed by 2017.

The NMI as on 01.04.2010 giving state-wise and district-wise details of mineral reserves/resources in the country is available on the official website of IBM (<http://ibm.nic.in>).

(c): There is no separate fund allocated for preparation of NMI. Preparation of NMI is being done under the 'Charter of Functions' entrusted to IBM wherein IBM is required to collect, collate and organize into a data base, all information on exploration, prospecting, mines and minerals in the country in the shape of a 'National Mineral Information Repository' and take steps to publish & disseminate the same.

(d): The mineral-wise and district-wise detail of mineral reserves in the State of West Bengal is annexed.

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Annexure mentioned in reply to rajya sabha unstarred question number 1232 for 09.12.2015 regarding national mineral inventory asked by Shri Vivek Gupta

**Mineral-wise and district-wise details of mineral reserves in the State of West Bengal as on 01.04.2010**

Mineral	Unit	District	Reserve
China Clay	000 tonne	Bankura	375
		Birbhum	1,948
Feldspar	tonne	Purulia	25,874
Fire clay	000 tonnes	Bankura	442
		Birbhum	971
		Purulia	316
Granite	000 tonnes	Purulia	3,658
Quartz-Silica sand	000 tonnes	Bankura	192
		Burdwan	12
		Purulia	1,598

**Source: Indian Bureau of Mines**