

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3471
FOR ANSWER ON 16/03/2020

CHROME ORE MINES

3471. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Chrome Ore bearing States in the country at present;
- (b) the number of Chrome Ore Mines leased out to public and private sectors in those States so far separately;
- (c) whether some of the Chromite Mines have been closed down in those States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their closure, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) As per available information, the reserves/resources of chromite are mainly located in Odisha. Other states contributing to resources of chromite in the country are Manipur, Nagaland, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. State wise reserves/resources of chromite as on 01.04.2015 is given as **Annexure-I**.

(b) Details of state wise no. of leases of chromite with an area in the country for public and private sector is given as **Annexure-II**.

(c)&(d): Yes, few of the chrome ore mines have been closed down in those states. Details of such closed mines alongwith reasons thereof is furnished as **Annexure-III**.

Annexure-I**State wise Reserves/Resources of Chromite as on 01.04.2015**

(In '000 tonnes)

State	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Andhra Pradesh	0	*	*
Jharkhand	0	736	736
Karnataka	727	905	1,631
Maharashtra	71	538	609
Manipur	0	6,657	6,657
Nagaland	0	3,200	3,200
Odisha	101,412	229,301	330,714
Tamil Nadu	0	282	282
Telangana	0	186	186
Total: All India	102,210	241,806	344,016

*Figures rounded off.**Source: NMI as on 01.04.2015.**Note: *- Negligible.***Annexure-II****State wise distribution of mining lease for chromite****(By Sectors)**

State	Public		Private		All India: Total	
	No. of leases	Area (Hect.)	No. of leases	Area (Hect.)	No. of leases	Area (Hect.)
Karnataka	5	1306.39	0	0	5	1306.39
Maharashtra	0	0	1	16.22	1	16.22
Odisha	12	5895.02	15	1696.612	27	7591.632
Total	17	7201.41	16	1712.832	33	8914.242

Source: Data received from respective regional offices of IBM.

Annexure-III

S. NO.	REGION	STATE	DISTRICT	NAME OF MINERAL	LOCATION OF THE LEASES	LESSEE	OWNERSHIP (PVT / CPSU / SPSU)	Area (In Ha)	Reasons for Non-Woking
1	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Jajpur	Chromite	Kamarda Balipadia	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	23.243	No FC, EC, CTO & Mining Plan
2	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Dhenkanal	Chromite	Kathpal	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	264.466	No FC, EC, CTO & Mining Plan
3	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Dhenkanal	Chromite	Birasal	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	583.021	No FC, EC, CTO & Mining Plan
4	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Jajpur	Chromite	Kalarangi	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	936.22	No FC, EC, CTO & Mining Plan
5	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Jajpur	Chromite	Balipadia (Mahagiri)	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	185.81	No FC, EC, CTO & Mining Plan
6	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Jajpur	Chromite	Kaliapani	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	971.245	No FC, EC, CTO & Mining Plan
7	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Keonjhar	Chromite	Baniapanka	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	1582.833	No FC, EC, CTO & Mining Plan
8	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Keonjhar	Chromite	Boula	M/s O.M.C. Ltd.	SPSU	207.360	Lapsed
9	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Dhenkanal	Chromite	Kathpal	M/s FACOR Ltd.	PVT	113.312	Lapsed
10	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Keonjhar	Chromite	Bangur	M/s ICCL.	PVT	36.612	Lapsed
11	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Jajpur	Chromite	Chingudipal	M/s IMFA Ltd.	PVT	26.620	Lapsed
12	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Keonjhar	Chromite	Nuasahi(Old)	M/s IMFA Ltd.	PVT	40.468	Lease Expired not extended.
13	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Keonjhar	Chromite, Magnesite & Serpentine	Boula	M/s FACOR Ltd.	PVT	187.030	Lapsed
14	Bangalore	KARNATAKA	HASSAN	CHROMITE	BHAKTARHALLI	M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd	SPSU	259	Lack of Demand
15	Bangalore	KARNATAKA	HASSAN	CHROMITE	BYRAPUR	M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd	SPSU	97.93	Lack of Demand
16	Bangalore	KARNATAKA	HASSAN	CHROMITE	JAMBUR ML 2132	M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd	SPSU	194.25	Applied for Renewal
17	Bangalore	KARNATAKA	HASSAN	CHROMITE	THAGADUR	M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd	SPSU	614.99	Lease cancelled by Govt
18	Bangalore	KARNATAKA	HASSAN	CHROMITE	ALADAHALLI	M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd	SPSU	140.22	Uneconomic
19	Nagpur	MAHARASHTRA	BHANDARA	CHROMITE	PAUNI	S.C.SHUKLA	PVT	16.22	FMCP Approved