

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3251
FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2023

NEW STEEL MINES

3251. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether new steel mines have been found in the country during the recent years;
and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a)&(b): For the production of steel, Iron Ore is used as the raw material. As per the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957 and the Rules framed thereunder, the State Governments are empowered to grant mineral concessions for the minerals located within their respective jurisdiction. Since the introduction of auction regime in 2015, Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has handed over 35 (G2/G3 exploration level) Geological Reports and 37 (G4 exploration level) Geological Memorandums of iron ore to the various State Governments for auction. The details are given at **Annexure I**. Further, the list of 10 Iron ore blocks notified for auction by various States is given at **Annexure II**.

Annexure I

List of G2/G3 exploration level reports of Iron Ore handed over by GSI/MECL to State Governments since 2015:-

S. No.	State	District	Title of the GR	Commodity	Stage of exploration	Year of handing over
1	Assam	Dhubri (erstwhile Goalpara)	Preliminary exploration for low grade Iron ore in Chandardinga area, Dhubri (erstwhile Goalpara) district, Assam.	Iron ore	G3	06.02.2019
2	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	Preliminary exploration for manganese ore and iron ore in the gap areas at Karampada east block in West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand.	Manganese & Iron ore	G3	29.06.2021
3	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	Preliminary exploration for iron ore and manganese ore in the gap areas at Karampada west block in the West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand.	Iron & Manganese ore	G3	29.06.2021
4	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	A Report on preliminary exploration for iron ore and manganese ore in the gap areas near Baraiburu in the northwestern part of Horse-shoe syncline, west Singhbhum District, Jharkhand	Iron & Manganese ore	G3	29.06.2021
5	Karnataka	Bellary	Preliminary exploration for iron ore resource in notified Blocks 4B/ C16 MMM 2003 of Kumaraswamy Hill Range, Bellary district, Karnataka	Iron ore	G3	14.12.2017
6	Karnataka	Bellary	Preliminary exploration for iron ore resource in blocks 13/1 (South) and 6A /CI 16 MMM 2003 of Ramanadurga Hill	Iron ore	G3	30.08.2021

			range Bellary District, Karnataka. (G3)			
7	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Preliminary exploration for Iron ore in Morar Subgroup of Gwalior Group of rocks Motijhil-Akbarpur area covering parts of Gwalior district, Madhya Pradesh	Iron ore	G3	15.05.2018
8	Madhya Pradesh	Tikamgarh	Final report on general exploration for iron ore in Dhaukan Block Tikamgarh District Madhya Pradesh	Iron ore	G2	15.02.2019
9	Madhya Pradesh	Tikamgarh	General exploration for iron ore in Dhaurra-Urdaurra Block Tikamgarh Distict Madhya Pradesh	Iron ore	G2	15.02.2019
10	Odisha	Sundergarh	Exploration for iron ore in Mendhamaruni West block, Sundargarh district, Odisha	Iron ore	G2	20.06.2018
11	Odisha	Sundergarh	General exploration for iron ore in Kalamang West block (northern part), Sundargarh district, Orissa	Iron ore	G2	Feb. 2017
12	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron ore in Gandhalpada South-East, Part A, Kendujhar district, Odisha	Iron ore	G2	14.12.2017
13	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron ore in Rengalaberha North-East Block, Kendujhar district, Odisha.	Iron ore	G2	07.11.2017
14	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron ore in Gandhalpada south-east, Part -B, Kendujhar district, Odisha.	Iron ore	G2	15.02.2019
15	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron ore in Rengalaberha north-east extension block, Kendujhar district, Odisha.	Iron ore	G2	15.02.2019

16	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron ore in Gandhalpada south block, Kendujhar district, Odisha	Iron ore	G2	15.02.2019
17	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron ore in Nuagan West Block, Kendujhar district, Odisha	Iron ore	G2	15.05.2020
18	Odisha	Sundargarh	General exploration for iron ore in Jumka - Pathiriposhi West block, Sundargarh district, Odisha	Iron Ore	G2	09.03.2021
19	Odisha	Sundargarh	General exploration for iron ore in parts of Kedesala northeast block, Sundargarh district, Odisha	Iron Ore	G2	09.03.2021
20	Odisha	Sundargarh	General exploration for iron ore in Alaghat West Block Sundargarhdistrict, Odisha	Iron Ore	G2	09.03.2021
21	Odisha	Sundargarh	General exploration for iron ore in Gandhalpada West Block, Kendujhar and Sundargarh district, Odisha	Iron Ore	G2	31.03.2021
22	Odisha	Kendujha	General exploration for iron ore float in Laupada Block, Kendujhar district, Odisha	Float Iron Ore	G2	31.03.2021
23	Odisha	Kendujhar	Preliminary exploration for iron ore in Kendudih North Block, Kendujhar District, Odisha	Iron ore	G3	03.08.2021
24	Odisha	Kendujhar	General Exploration For Iron Ore In Roida-I Block, Kendujhar District, Odisha	Iron Ore	G2	30.09.2021
25	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron and manganese ore in Jajang Block, Kendujhar district, Odisha (G2)	Iron & Manganese ore	G2	24.03.2022
26	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron ore in Putulipani Block, Kendujhar district, Odisha (G-2 stage).	Iron Ore	G2	12.07.2022

27	Odisha	Kendujhar	General exploration for iron and manganese ore in Jalahuri Block, Kendujhar district, Odisha (G2 Stage). M2AFGBM-MEP/NC/ER/SU-ODS/2020/30602	Iron & Manganese	G2	12.07.2022
28	Telangana	Khammam & Warangal	Investigation for reassessment of iron ores of Bayyaram area, Khammam and Warangal districts, Telangana, India	Iron ore	G2	08.12.2016
29	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	Preliminary exploration for iron ore in Mahakoshal Group, Block 'A' Bharhari area, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh	Iron ore	G3	29.08.2019
30	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	Silpunji Block,	Iron & Manganese	G3	Jul-21
31	Odisha	Sundergarh	Purheibahal- Block,	Iron	G2	Jul-17
32	Odisha	Sundergarh	Chandiposhi Block	Iron	G2	Jul-17
33	Odisha	Sundergarh	Jumka- Pathiriposhi Block	Iron	G2	Feb-19
34	Odisha	Sundergarh	Malangtoli H Sub Block, Sundergarh dist., Odisha	Iron	G3	05.03.21
35	Karnataka	Ballari	BRH Iron Ore Mine (RMML-2010), Ballari district, Karnataka	Iron	G2	31-Mar-22

List of G4 exploration level reports of Iron Ore handed over by GSI to State Governments since 2015:-

S. No	State	District	No of Blocks	Name of Blocks with codes (GM)	Commodity	Date of Handing Over
1	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa & Chittoor	1	Lakkamvandlapalle	Iron Ore	12.07.2022
2	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	1	Shivapuram	Iron Ore	12.07.2022
3	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	1	Vaddepalle	Iron Ore	12.07.2022

4	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	1	SR_AP_10_Krishnapuram_III	Iron	24.03.2022
5	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	1	SR_AP_11_Errakonda_III	Iron	24.03.2022
6	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	1	SR_AP_09_Letapalle_II	Iron	23.11.2021
7	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasham	2	SR_AP_08-Block-1-Lakshmakkapalle	Iron Ore	08.09.2021
8				SR_AP_08_Block-2-Addanki Varipalem	Iron Ore	08.09.2021
9	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	1	Minnayagaripalle, SR_AP_14_Minnayagaripalle_V	Iron Ore	09.02.2023
10	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	1	Nagayapalle, SR_AP_14_Nagayapalle_V	Iron Ore	09.02.2023
11	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	1	Pagadalapalle, SR_AP_14_Pagadalapalle_V	Iron Ore	09.02.2023
12	Chhattisgarh	Kabirdham	1	CR_CH_09_Block-1_Godhatola	Iron Ore	08.09.2021
13	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	1	ER_JH_13_Rajabera East_III	Iron	24.03.2022
14	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	2	ER_JH_06 - Silpunji	Iron and manganese	08.09.2021
15				ER_JH_06 - Merelgara	Iron and manganese	08.09.2021
16	Karnataka	Bellary (Presently Vijayanagar)	1	SR_KA_11_Ramanadurga North_II	Iron	23.11.2021
17	Karnataka	Shimoga	1	Sanyasikoppa, SR_KA_29_Sanyasikoppa_V	Mn, Fe & Co	09.02.2023
18	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	4	CR_MH_14_Ambadgaon-1_III	Iron ore	24.03.2022
19				CR_MH_14_Matna-2_III	Iron ore	24.03.2022
20				CR_MH_14_Tale-3_III	Iron ore	24.03.2022
21				CR_MH_14_Vazare-4_III	Iron ore	24.03.2022
22	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	3	CR_MH_13_Ajgaon_II	iron (low grade)	23.11.2021
23				CR_MH_13_Kondura_II	iron (low grade)	23.11.2021
24				CR-MH-13-Nanos_II	iron (low grade)	23.11.2021
25	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	1	CR_MH_08-Satarda	Iron Ore	08.09.2021
26	Odisha	Kendujhar	1	Madhyapur	Iron ore	12.7.2022

27	Odisha	Kendujhar	1	Pangapashi_Burhipada	Iron ore	12.7.2022
28	Odisha	Nabarangapur (previously Koraput)	1	ER-OD-09-Hirapur-01_II	Iron ore	23.11.2021
29	Odisha	Mayurbhanj	2	ER_OD_08_Jashipur-01_II	Iron ore	23.11.2021
30	Odisha	Mayurbhanj		ER_OD_08_Jashipur-02_II	Iron ore	23.11.2021
31	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal	3	SR_TN_07-Pachchudaiyanpalaiyam	Iron Ore	08.09.2021
32	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal, Salem		SR_TN_07 - Kariyampatti	Iron Ore	08.09.2021
33	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal, Salem		SR_TN_07 - Ulipuram	Iron Ore	08.09.2021
34	Telangana	Karimnagar	3	SR_TS_02_Kammarikhanpet_III	Iron ore (Magnetite)	24.03.2022
35	Telangana	Karimnagar, Peddapalli		SR_TS_02_Pattipaka_III	Iron ore (Magnetite)	24.03.2022
36	Telangana	Jagtial		SR_TS_02_Maddulapalli_III	Iron ore (Magnetite)	24.03.2022
37	Telangana	Jagtial	1	Gollapalli, SR_TS_04_Gollapalli_V	Iron Ore	09.02.2023

Annexure II

List of Ongoing Notice Inviting Tenders (NITs) for Iron Ore Blocks

S. No.	Block Name	CL/ ML	Mineral	Date of NIT	Tentative Date of auction
Karnataka					
1	Jaisinghpura North Block, Ballari,	ML	Iron Ore	16.05.2023	August 2023
Jharkhand					
2	Baraiburu - Tatiba Iron and Manganese Ore Block	CL	Iron and Manganese Ore	06.05.2023	August 2023
3	Meralgara-Barabaljori Iron Ore Block	ML	Iron Ore Block	06.05.2023	August 2023
Rajasthan					
4	LadiKa Bas Block Tehsil Neemka Thana & District Sikar	CL	Iron Ore	07.07.2023	Aug-Sep 2023
5	Kalakota Block Tehsil Neemka Thana & District Sikar	CL	Iron Ore		
6	Toda Block n/v Toda, Tehsil Neemka Thana, District Sikar	CL	Iron Ore		
Madhya Pradesh					
7	Pindrai Iron Ore Block	ML	Iron Ore	14.07.2023	September 2023
8	Siluwa and Jhansi Iron Ore Block	ML	Iron Ore		
9	Chhatarpur Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Laterite Block	CL	Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Laterite		
10	Parsili Iron Ore and Dolomite Block	CL	Iron Ore, Dolomite		