

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.623
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2012

URANIUM RESOURCES ESTABLISHED IN ANDHRA PRADESH

623. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the maximum tonnes of Uranium resources have been established in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount so far extracted and in the process of extraction; and
- (c) what efforts Uranium Corporation of India is making to explore the Uranium resources?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir
- (b) Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy, has so far identified 93,492 tonnes of in situ uranium oxide (U_3O_8) in different deposits like Lambapur, Peddagattu and Chitrial in Nalgonda District, Tummalapalle – Rachakuntapalle in Kadapa District and Koppunuru in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh. This figure of uranium ore includes 59,006 tonnes of U_3O_8 identified during XI Five Year Plan period and 6616 tonnes of U_3O_8 identified during 2012-13. The mining/processing of these minerals is continuous process which is done in phased manner.
- (c) Exploration for presence of Uranium ore in the entire country is done by AMD. Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a public sector undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy, does not engage in exploration of Uranium.
