

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3880
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.09.2011

RARE EARTH RESERVES IN COUNTRY

3880. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the potential rare earth reserves in India;
- (b) the details thereof, mineral-wise;
- (c) the total production of rare earth for the last five years;
- (d) whether Government has collaborated with foreign countries/companies for processing and extraction of rare earth in India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a)&(b) Monazite is the principal source of rare earths in India. As per the report of Atomic Mineral Directorate for Exploration & Research (AMDER). Hyderabad, a constituent unit under the Department of Atomic Energy, the reserves of Monazite in India is about 10 million tons which translates to approx. 5 million tons of rare earth oxide.
- (c) Since, April 2004 there is no production of rare earths from Monazite source at the rare earths division of Indian Rare Earths Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
