

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1710
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2012

URANIUM RESOURCES IN COUNTRY

1710. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of uranium resources available across the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of uranium in country; and
- (c) the steps/measures taken by Government to increase the production of uranium?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy, has established 1,75,010 tonnes *insitu* uranium (U₃O₈) resources as on January, 2012. The State-wise details of the same is as given below:

State	Uranium resources established (tonnes U ₃ O ₈)
Andhra Pradesh	86,876
Jharkhand	50,978
Meghalaya	19,738
Rajasthan	6,726
Karnataka	4,682
Chhattisgarh	3,986
Uttar Pradesh	785
Uttarakhand	100
Himachal Pradesh	784
Maharashtra	355
Total:	1,75,010

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) The Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy, is engaged in commercial scale operation of Uranium mines and process plants in the country. UCIL has undertaken an expansion plan under which three (3) numbers of mines and one new process plant have been constructed in last seven (7) years. UCIL is further constructing a large mine and process plant at Tumallapalle in Andhra Pradesh which is nearing completion. It has plans to expand capacity of some of these mines and process plants.
