

PROVISIONALLY ADMITTED QUESTION FOR THE RAJYA SABHA

Starred /Unstarred Diary No.-- S1117

The Question Will be put down for -- 09/02/2023

Answer on the Ministry Department -- Atomic Energy(AE)

Rare Earths

(a) if India has the world's fifth-largest reserves of rare earth elements, why does it continue to depend so heavily on imports in finished form from its geopolitical rival, China;

(b) how much is India's estimated reserves of the most high value and high demand of rare earths; and

(c) what are India's plans to exploit its rare earth resources, including inviting foreign collaborations?