

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2721**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019

**STOPPAGE OF URANIUM EXPLORATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH  
AND TELANGANA**

2721. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a serious protest against Uranium mining taking place in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh and in the State of Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a)&(b)Yes, Sir. Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) is not doing any Uranium mining activities in the district of Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of DAE, has the mandate to identify, evaluate and augment the resources of Uranium in the country. Recently, AMD's exploration activities for Uranium carried out in Nandyal - Rudravaram - Allagadda area, Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh; Kasurigutta – P.K. Padu area, SPSR Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh and Mastipuram area, Wanaparthy district, Telangana have been suspended due to protests by local public. Presently the drilling rigs have been withdrawn and the exploratory drilling work has been suspended in these areas as per the directives of local administration.

(c)&(d)Director, AMD has requested to the District Collectors, Kurnool and SPSR Nellore districts, Andhra Pradesh and Wanaparthy district, Telangana to extend support to continue Uranium exploration by AMD. Further, AMD Scientists held a meeting with District Collector & Magistrate (DM), Kurnool on 23.11.2019 to extend support to continue Uranium exploration, in which the Deputy Director, Directorate of Geology and Mines, Government of Andhra Pradesh was also present. The local administration has assured their support for the exploration activities of AMD. The DM, Kurnool has also sent letters to concerned Tehsildars and VROs. The DM, Kurnool has advised AMD to commence only survey and mapping work and not to commence drilling in Rudravaram – Allagadda area for the time being.

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