

PROVISIONALLY ADMITTED QUESTION FOR THE RAJYA SABHA

Starred /Unstarred Diary No.-- S5913

The Question Will be put down for -- 03/04/2025

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

Exploration and Discovery of Rare Earth Minerals in West Bengal

(a) What rare earth minerals have been discovered in West Bengal so far, along with details of their location, estimated reserves, and commercial viability;

(b) Whether any ongoing or planned exploration projects are being conducted to identify additional rare earth mineral deposits in the state, and if so, their current status;

(c) Whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the economic and strategic potential of rare earth minerals in West Bengal, and what steps are being taken to ensure their sustainable extraction;

(d) Whether the Government is collaborating with international agencies or private sector companies for advanced geological surveys and extraction technologies;