

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3544**  
FOR ANSWER ON 17.12.2024

**ESTABLISHMENT OF STEEL PLANTS IN ANANTAPUR**

3544. SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mineral reserves in Anantapur district, particularly iron ore, and their potential to support the establishment of steel plants;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposals for setting up new steel plants or iron ore processing centres in Anantapur district, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of current status of any ongoing or approved projects for establishing steel plants in the district, including timelines for completion;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to facilitate the development of new steel plants in Anantapur to leverage its mineral resources; and
- (e) whether any incentives or infrastructure development plans are being implemented to support the establishment of steel and iron ore processing industries in the district, and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a) As per the National Mineral Inventory maintained by IBM, the reserves/resources of minerals including iron ore in the Anantpur district as on 01.04.2020 are given in **Annexure**.

(b)to(e): Steel is a deregulated sector and the Government acts as a facilitator by creating a conducive policy environment for the development of steel sector across all states in the country, including Anantapur district in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Decisions regarding setting up of a steel plant is taken by industry based on techno-commercial consideration including raw material availability, distance from port, logistics etc.

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**Reserves and Resources of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh as on 01.04.2020**

<b>Mineral</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Remaining Resources</b>	<b>Total Resources</b>
Asbestos	Tonnes	0	742598	742598
Diamond	Carats	0	1667960	1667960
Gold				
<i>Ore (Primary)</i>	Tonnes	0	795815	795815
<i>Metal (Primary)</i>	Tonnes	0	3.03	3.03
Iron (Heamatite)	'000Tonnes	446	202470	202916
Limestone	'000Tonnes	114547	241059	355606

Source: National Mineral Inventory as on 01.04.2020.

Figures Rounded off

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