

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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BOOSTING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF RARE EARTH METALS

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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has outlined a seven-year plan to boost domestic production of rare earth metals after China banned their exports;
- (b) if so, the details of the main objectives of the scheme, timeline and implementing agencies;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a dedicated policy to ensure indigenous supplies in sectors like defence, electronics and clean energy under the said scheme; and
- (d) if not, whether the Government is considering any alternative strategies to reduce dependence on these sectors?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)

(a) to (c): NITI Aayog & Indian Rare Earth Limited (IREL) under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has prepared a document on “Incentivisation framework for establishment of Downstream industry using Rare Earth Elements”. Further, IREL under DAE has set-up a Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) plant in the country for production of Samarian-Cobalt magnets from indigenous resources exclusively for use in defence & atomic energy sector.

(d): Does not arise.
