



PARLIAMENT QUESTION: RARE EARTH CORRIDORS

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Union Budget 2026–27 has announced the establishment of dedicated Rare Earth Corridors in the states of Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. These corridors will focus on mining, processing, research, and manufacturing thus aligning these initiatives with the national priorities of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Net Zero 2070, and Viksit Bharat @ 2047,

while positioning India as a key player in global advanced materials value chains.

The dedicated Rare Earth Corridors proposed in Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu states aim to reduce import dependence and enhance domestic capability in strategic sectors. The RE corridor aims to establish an integrated domestic ecosystem for mining, refining, and manufacturing. India's import reliance on key minerals used for the production of items in strategic sectors such as electronics, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and defence manufacturing can be regulated through the RE corridor by boosting local sourcing enhancing strategic self-reliance.

The Government has proposed Rare Earth Corridor in Tamil Nadu state along with Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

A Joint Working Group (JWG) consisting of members representing all stakeholders is being constituted for formulation of guidelines (SOP) to establish dedicated Rare Earth corridors in the identified states and the JWG is expected to examine all aspects before finalising the SOP.

This information given by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh in a written reply in Lok Sabha today on 1st April, 2026, Wednesday.

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