Russia has reportedly offered India access to the **Tomtor Rare Earth Deposit**, one of the world's largest undeveloped reserves of rare earth elements located in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

India's **Indian Rare Earths Limited** is reportedly in discussions with **Rosneft** to obtain samples from the deposit for analysis and potential collaboration.

Rare earth elements are critical minerals used in electric vehicles, renewable energy technologies, electronics, defence equipment, and advanced manufacturing. Access to such resources could strengthen India's critical mineral security and support its clean energy and technology ambitions.

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