

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:314  
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COAL MINES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of coal mines operating in the country at present, State-wise, company-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to open new coal mines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, company-wise;
- (d) whether the Government propose to privatise the mines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a): The number of coal mines operating in the country at present, State-wise and Companies-wise is given below:-

**State - wise**

State	No. of existing coal mines
Andhra Pradesh	69
Assam	6
Bihar	169
Jammu & Kashmir	3
Madhya Pradesh	127
Maharashtra	53
Orissa	22
Uttar Pradesh	4
West Bengal	108
Total	561

**Company - wise**

Companies	Number of existing coal mines
Eastern Coalfields Limited	122
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	87
Central Coalfields Limited	55
Northern Coalfields Limited	9
Western Coalfields Limited	87
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	87
Mahanandi Coalfields Limited	22
North Eastern Coalfields (unit directly controlled by CIL)	6
Coal India Limited	475

Companies Number of existing coal mines

Singareni Collieries Company Limited	69
Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation Limited	1
Damodar Valley Corporation	1
Indian Iron & Steel Company Limited	3
J & K Minerals Limited	3
Bengal Emta Coal Mines Limited	1
Jindal Steel & Power Limited	1
Tata Iron & Steel Company Limited	7
Total number of coal mines	561

(b) & (c): Opening of new coal mines is decided by the coal companies on the basis of commercial considerations. The number of new mines likely to be opened during IX and X Plans by Coal India Limited state-wise and company-wise is as follows:-

State - wise

State No. of existing coal mines

Bihar	12
Madhya Pradesh	20
Maharashtra	28
Orissa	13
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	4

Total 79

Company - wise

Companies Number of existing coal mines

Eastern Coalfields Limited	4
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	4
Central Coalfields Limited	8
Northern Coalfields Limited	3
Western Coalfields Limited	30
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	17
Mahanandi Coalfields Limited	13
Coal India Limited	79

(d): No, Sir.

(e): In view of answer given to part (d) above, the question does not arise.