

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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COAL RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the deposits of coking and non-coking coal in the country are insufficient;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have drawn by contingency plan to meet the situation when the already existing reserves will be finished; x
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The total coal reserves of the country estimated by Geological Survey of India(GSI), as on 1-1-2000 is 211.59 billion tonnes, out of which 38.94% are under "Proved" category, 42.30% are under "Indicated" category and 18.76% are under "Inferred" category.

The type-wise, break-up of reserves is as follows: (In billion tonnes)

Type	Proved	Indicated	Inferred	Total
Prime Coking	4.61	0.70		5.31
Medium Coking	11.27	11.13	1.11	23.51
Semi Coking	0.48	0.91	0.22	1.61
Sub-Total Coking	16.36	12.74	1.33	30.43
Non-Coking	66.03	76.76	38.37	181.16
Total (Coking & Non-Coking)	82.39	89.50	39.70	211.59

(c): Assuming a rate of coal production of 350 Million Tonnes during 2006-07 by CIL and beyond, the life of recoverable proved reserves as on 1-1-1996 is expected to be over 85 years. However, about 3 to 4 Billion Tonnes of proved reserves are being added on an annual basis, as a result of detailed exploration by CMPDI, leading to additional recoverable reserves and extended life. In view of the above, no contingency plan has been drawn.

(d) & (e): Does not arise in view of answer 'c' to above.