

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF COAL BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received from private sector companies for exploration of the coal in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited during the last three years ;
- (b) the number of applications out of them which have been cleared/pending so far ;
- (c) the reasons for their pendency ;and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to clear these applications ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.