

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

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ADDITIONAL RESERVES OF COAL AND LIGNITE
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas in Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh where additional reserves of coal and lignite have been discovered; and

(b) the programme drawn for the proper exploitation of said reserves?

Answer

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

(a): A total of 7.60 billion tonnes of additional coal reserves in indicated and inferred categories have been added to the national inventory of geological reserves of coal during the period 1.1.2000 to 1.1.2001 in the States of Orissa and Chhattisgarh/M.P. The additional reserves in these states as assessed by Geological Survey of India and Sub-group -II on Coal and Lignite exploration for formulation of Xth Plan are as under:

State Coalfields Geological reserves added in indicated
and inferred categories (billion tonnes)

Orissa	IB River	0.17
Talcher		0.95
Total		1.12
Madhya Pradesh/	Sohagepur	0.40
Chhattisgarh	Singrauli	1.44
Sonhat		0.06
Lakhanpur		0.11
Mand Raigarh		3.96
Tatapani Ramkola		0.51
Total		6.48
Total for Orissa, M.P./Chhattisgarh		7.60

The lignite occurrences in the State of Chhattisgarh/M.P. and Orissa are not reported.

(b): The programme of exploration of coal deposits in potential blocks is drawn after the indicated and inferred categories of reserves are converted into proved category by detailed exploration followed by preparation of Geological Report and viable mine project report. The detailed exploration in the States of Orissa and Chhattisgarh/M.P. in areas where additional coal reserves have been established during the period 1.1.2000 to 1.1.2001 is yet to be programmed.