

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

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COAL DEPOSITS  
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

**Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the deposits of coking and non-coking coal in the country;
- (b) the time upto which this reserve is sufficient; and
- (c) the details of contingency plan formulated by the Government which is likely to be implement when the reserves would be finished?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS SMT. RITA VERMA

- (a): The deposits of coking coal and non-coking coal in the country, in seam 0.5 m and above in thickness as on 1.1.99 upto 1200 m. depth as per Geological Survey of India are given below:-

Reserves in billion tones

Non-Coking Coal	Coking Coal	Total
177.51	31.24	208.75

(b)&(c): Though exploration of coal is an on-going exercise for finding the new deposits, the coal reserves known till date are likely to last for more than 100 years even at an enhanced rate of production. As such the question of preparing any contingency plan does not arise presently. However potential alternative sources of energy are hydel, nuclear power plants. Non-conventional energy also need to be tapped.