

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3276  
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CHIDIA IRON ORE  
LAXMAN GILUWA

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

- (a) whether Chidia Iron Ore mines at Manoharpur in West Singhbhum have huge reserves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are no roads to approach the mines and lack of electricity has compelled the use of generators there; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): As reported by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under the Ministry of Coal and Mines, Department of Mines, there are 4 leaseholds which comprises Chidia Iron Ore Mines with total lease area of 2270 hect.. The block wise approximate recoverable reserves are as follows:

West Central Block	:	566 million tonnes
North Block	:	517 million tonnes
East Central Block	:	326 million tonnes
South Block	:	286 million tonnes

The total reserves in all the 4 blocks are about 1695 million tonnes.

(c) : IBM has reported that approach roads are available up to the mine. However, these roads are seasonal and often disrupted by river/nallahs crossing these roads specially in rainy season. No electric power supply is available at the mines. The nearest power grid is available at a distance of 12 kms. The mining operations are being carried out with the help of diesel generators .

(d) : The holders of mineral concessions are required to coordinate with the State Governments for infrastructural facilities at the mining sites.