

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3310  
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COAL RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have conducted a survey to find out the Coal Reserve in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in Erode District of Tamil Nadu?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Total coal reserves in the country as on 01.01.2002 as assessed by Geological Survey of India (GSI) is 234.11 billion tonnes. State-wise coal reserve distribution are given as under:-

(Reserves in Million Tonnes)

State	Proved	Indicated	Inferred	Total
West Bengal	11099.48	11162.82	4156.95	26419.25
Bihar	0.00	0.00	160.00	160.00
Jharkhand	35234.60	28986.64	6281.57	70502.81
Madhya Pradesh	6857.20	7865.71	3233.87	17956.78
Chhattisgarh	7626.72	23639.69	4108.49	35374.90
Uttar Pradesh	765.98	295.82	0.00	1061.80
Maharashtra	4494.92	2049.77	1536.00	8080.69
Orissa	13079.82	29809.10	15123.30	58012.22
Andhra Pradesh	7729.13	5459.26	2447.70	15636.09
Assam	279.30	26.83	34.01	340.14
Arunachal Pr.	31.23	40.11	18.89	90.23
Meghalaya	117.83	40.89	300.71	459.43
Nagaland	3.43	1.35	15.16	19.94
Grand Total	87319.64	109377.99	37416.65	234114.28

No coal reserves are found in the State of Tamil Nadu including Erode District as per the above assessment by GSI, though the state is rich in lignite deposits.