

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLOITATION OF COAL RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL) proposes to explore new areas for exploitation of coal reserves;
- (b) if so, the locations identified for the purpose, mine- wise;
- (c) the quantity and value of coal available in these areas for exploitation; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to employ the local unemployed youths of these areas in these projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. All the coalfields of the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh under the command area of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) will be explored. Estimates of the quantity and value of coal can be given only after exploration. Employment is offered to the land oustees/their dependents on receipt of their claims, on their meeting the eligibility criteria, as per the provisions of the extant Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy and the norms of the company.