

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL RESERVES IN FOREST AREA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal reserves are located under the barren land of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any area of the forest land of the country has been identified with coal reserves;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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. As per the latest inventory of geological resources of coal in India, prepared by Geological Survey of India (GSI), a cumulative total of 267.21 billion tonnes of geological resources of coal have so far been estimated in the country as on 1.4.2009 which include resources beneath barren land and forest cover area as well. However, separate estimation of coal resources beneath the barren land / reserve forest areas of the country are not available.

(e) : These deposits may be exploited based on the economic feasibility of mining project and on obtaining necessary forestry clearance for the project.