

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a substantial amount of coal reserves are available in Andal, West Bengal where the Government propose to construct a Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to review the decision setting up of Airport in this area; and
- (d) if so, the final decision 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) & (b): Yes, Sir. About 1400 million tonnes of coal reserves are present in Andal area, located in Raniganj coalfields in West Bengal as per the regional exploration done by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and the proposed Airport project area falls in the southeast part of the Raniganj Coalfield and covers a part of ECL leasehold area.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Coal has requested Government of West Bengal and Ministry of Civil Aviation not to take up any large scale construction on coal bearing areas, particularly in the ECL command area without ascertaining the views of Ministry of Coal and concerned coal companies.