

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF COAL IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge quantity of high quality coal is available in Thiruvarur and Mannargudi Districts of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details of the survey conducted;
- (d) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to extract high quality coal available in these districts; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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 (c) : No, Sir. However, lignite deposit (23.7 Billion Tonne) is found in Mannargudi Lignite Field in the Districts of Thiruvarur, Thanjavur and Nagappattinam, Tamil Nadu as per regional exploration carried out by Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited and Geological Survey of India under Promotional Exploration Schemes.

(d) to (e) : Prima facie these are deep seated deposits which are not economical for undertaking mining. However, detailed exploration is yet to be taken up in these areas to prove the deposits. Mining of these deposits depends upon the results of detailed exploration.