

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL RESERVES

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the new coal reserves found in the country including Ulundurpet of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the name of agencies involved in exploration of coal reserves in the country;
- (c) the quantum of coal reserves explored by them during the last three years and the coal reserves out of it in which commercial production has started;
- (d) the value of coal reserves exploited during each of the above years; 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) : As per the latest surveys, the inventory of coal resources assessed by Geological Survey of India (GSI) no coal reserve is found in the Ulundurpet in Tamil Nadu. The state-wise yearly augmentation of new coal and lignite resources reported in the last three years and the current year is given below :-

(A) : Coal Resources :

(in Million Tonnes)

State 2009-10 2008-09 2007-08 2006-07

Jharkhand	251.73	1251.82	1067.99	494.32
Orissa	1080.39	-36.48	2029.76	1234.32
Chhattisgarh	2198.91	349.06	2683.56	8.38
West Bengal	1526.05	-8.05	0	519.91
Madhya Pradesh	1006.61	421.05	213.73	587.86
Andhra Pradesh	3089.32	230.33	982.13	568.86
Maharashtra	153.35	336.35	148.56	592.79
Meghalaya	0	117.05	0	0
Assam	0	12.09	0	0
Sikkim	0	0	27.78	73.45
Nagaland	293.47	2	0	0
TOTAL	9599.83	2675.52	7153.51	4079.89

(B) : Lignite Resources :

(in Million Tonnes)

State 2009-10 2008-09 2007-08 2006-07

Tamil Nadu	404.50	0	74.78	574.05
Rajasthan	76.08	173.40	69.22	249.88
West Bengal	1.15			
TOTAL	481.73	173.40	144.00	823.93

(b) & (c) : The names of the agencies and quantum of coal and lignite resources explored during the last three years and current year is given below :-

(A) : Coal Resources :

(in Million Tonnes)

Name of the Agency 2007 2008 2009 2010

GSI	1761.19	2024.16	692.35	3893.39
CMPDIL	719.13	1255.12	1389.82	270.50
MECL	1457.43	3282.28	460.21	4996.45
SCCL	119.67	285.31	13.09	123.66
DGM (Maharashtra)	22.47	69.44	22.36	
DGM (Chhattisgarh)		237.20		
Modification of NEEResources			120.05	
DGM (Nagaland)			293.47	
Total	4079.89	7153.51	2675.52	9599.83

(B) : Lignite Resources :

(in Million Tonnes)

Name of the Agency 2007 2008 2009 2010

GSI	1.15	0.51		
NLC	38.73			
MECL	480.58	173.40	105.27	814.87
Govt. of Rajasthan		8.55		
Total	481.73	173.40	144.00	823.93

The commercial production has not commenced in the above blocks.

(d) : The value of coal resources exploited by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries, during previous three years, is given below :-

2007-08 : Rs.32633.86 crores
2008-09 : Rs.39123.48 crores
2009-10 : Rs.44615.25 crores

(e) : Exploration for coal is a continuous process and new resources get added year on year. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) under the Ministry of Mines is conducting regional exploration of various minerals including coal. Besides, Ministry of Coal through a Plan Scheme of Promotional/regional exploration conducts exploration for coal in the Country to supplement the efforts of GSI. Further, coal companies conduct detailed exploration in their command areas for proving coal resources for preparing projects and for taking up coal production.