

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF LIGNITE BLOCKS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of lignite reserves in the State of Gujarat, district-wise and their present status;

(b) the reasons for not allocating the lignite block in the districts of Kuchh and Bharuch for mining to the Gujarat Minerals Development Corporation (GMDC);

(c) whether the Union Government has offered any alternative lignite block in its place in the State of Gujarat to GMDC:

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

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

(a): As per the report of Geological Survey of India the District-wise quantum of lignite reserves in the State of Gujarat as on 01.04.2010 is given below :-

(in Million Tonnes)

District Proved Indicated Inferred Total

Kuchh 300.61 32.10 33.09 365.80

Bhavnagar 0.00 0.00 299.17 299.17

Bharuch 724.76 118.59 491.23 1334.58

Surat 218.28 108.71 336.21 663.20

Total 1243.65 259.40 1159.70 2662.75

(b): The following lignite blocks have been allocated to Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) in the different Districts of

Gujarat including Kutch and Bharuch Districts :-

Kutch District : (i) Akrimota,(ii) Pannandhro, (iii) Matana Modh

Bharuch District : (i) Rajpardih/Amodh G-19 extension

Bhavnagar District :(i) Surka (North)

Surat District : (i) Tadkeswar

(c) to (e): Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.