

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1506  
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NEW COAL DEPOSITS  
Panda Shri Prabodh

**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether new coal deposits have been found during the last three years and in the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of deposits found, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has Drawn up any action plan to explore coal from these new coal deposits; and
- (d) 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): Yes, Sir. Continuous exploration activities in the country have established additional coal resources in many coalfields. During the period January, 2006 to March, 2009, the inventory of Geological Resources of Indian coal has increased by 13,909 million tonnes due to establishment of additional coal resources in the country.

(b): The state-wise break-up of 13,909 million tonnes of additional coal resources is given as under:

State    Additional Coal Resource  
         Estimated  
         (in million tonnes)

West Bengal    512

Jharkhand    2814

Madhya Pradesh    1223

Chhattisgarh    3041

Maharashtra    1078

Orissa    3228

Andhra Pradesh    1781

Assam 12

Meghalaya 117

Nagaland 2

Sikkim 101

Total 13909

(c) & (d): New coal resources are generally estimated through Regional Exploration. This needs to be followed by Detailed Exploration in potential areas for mine planning studies leading to production of coal by formulation of Project Reports. Coal India Limited/allocattees of Captive Mining blocks have XI Plan schedule of production from some of the blocks whereas more blocks would be taken up in subsequent plan period according to suitability for production.