

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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COAL RESERVES IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) the estimated geological coal reserves and coal reserves identified for exploitation by coal companies in the country; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to identify the remaining coal reserves for mining?

**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 latest inventory of Geological Survey of India, the total coal resources as on 01.04.2009 in the country stand at 267.21 billion tonnes. Out of it, about 141 billion tonnes have been identified for exploitation by Coal India Limited (CIL) and in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) command area (Godavari Valley coalfield of Andhra Pradesh) a mineable/extractable reserves of 3.89 billion tonnes have been identified.

(b): Exploration efforts have been intensified to bring the resources under indicated and inferred categories into proved category, based on which projectisation of resources for mining takes place.