

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY FOR MAPPING OF COAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted any joint survey with Ministry of Coal for mapping coal reserves in the forest areas of Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests on suggestion from Ministry of Coal jointly undertook an exercise for overlaying/superimposition of forest cover map on coal blocks in 2010 in 9 major coal fields to identify 'Go' and 'No-Go' areas, of which 2 major Coal fields namely, North Karanpura and West Bokaro are located in Jharkhand state.

(b) As per the above study the coal blocks are classified into the following 2 categories.

(i) Unfragmented forest landscapes having gross forest cover (GFC) >30% or weighted forest cover (WFC) > 10%, named as category 'A' or 'No-Go' area.

(ii) Fragmented forest landscapes having gross forest cover (GFC) <30% and weighted forest cover (WFC) <10%, named as category 'B' or 'Go' area.

The details of the outcome of the joint exercise in these coal fields in Jharkhand are as follows :

Sl No.	Coal field	Area of coal blocks	Category 'A' Number of Area (ha)	Category 'B' Number of Area (ha)
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1	North Karanpura	60,561 (48%)	30,815 (51%)	33,746 (52%)
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2	West Bokaro	14,770 (28%)	11,720 (26%)	3,905 (72%)
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