

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2106  
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NEW COAL RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether new coal deposits have been found during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn up any action plan to exploit coal from these new coal deposits; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. As per the estimate and inventory prepared by Geological Survey of India, the State-wise details of the assessed coal resources during the previous three years and current year is given below :-

(In Million Tonnes)

S.No State Estimated resources as per Geological Survey of India

As on As on As on As on  
01.11.2008 01.04.2009 01.04.2010 01.04.2011

1 West Bengal	28334.84	28326.79	29852.84	29954.92
2 Bihar	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
3 Jharkhand	75460.14	76711.96	76963.69	78935.98
4 Madhya Pradesh	20559.96	20981.01	21987.62	23125.73
5 Chhattisgarh	44134.04	44483.10	46682.01	49280.25
6 Uttar Pradesh	1061.80	1061.80	1061.80	1061.80
7 Maharashtra	9918.09	10154.74	10308.09	10533.41
8 Orissa	65263.34	65226.86	66307.25	69158.88
9 Andhra Pradesh	18696.59	18926.92	22016.24	22054.58
10 Assam	375.43	387.52	387.52	513.31
11 Sikkim	101.23	101.23	101.23	101.23
12 Arunachal Pradesh	90.23	90.23	90.23	90.23
13 Meghalaya	459.43	576.48	576.48	576.48
14 Nagaland	19.94	21.94	315.41	315.41

Total 264635.06 267210.58 276810.41 285862.21

(c) & (d): Exploration for coal is a continuous process. The resources established through Regional & Promotional exploration are taking up for detailed exploration for proving the reserves. During the last three years 2.72, 4.70 & 4.92 lakh meter of detailed exploratory drilling has been carried out during 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11 respectively converting 2.74 billion tonne, 2.70 billion tonne & 2.17 billion tonne resources respectively into 'Proved category'. During current year, 4.50 lakh meter is envisaged to be drilled and 2.50 billion tonne of coal resources are likely to be established. During XII plan 49.55 lakh meter drilling is envisaged to convert about 74.85 billion tonnes of resources into 'Proved category' by Central Mine Planning & Design Institute and its agencies.