

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether coal reserves have been discovered in chotila Block at Surendranagar in Gujarat and the coal mafia are openly pilfering the said coal in connivance with the administration;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to check the said pilferage and also to nab the people involved therein; and
- (d) If so, details thereof alongwith the time by which the said steps are likely to be taken ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a): Ministry of Coal has no information on occurrence of coal reserves in Chotila Block at Surendranagar in Gujarat. This has also been confirmed from Geological Survey of India.
- (b) to (d) : Does not arise.