

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1278
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2012
RECLAMATION OF COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Coal India Limited lays waste to large tracts running into thousands of hectares flouting Environment Ministry's guidelines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the total area covered by opencast mines as of March, 2011 State-wise; and
- (d) the area reclaimed so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a): Coal India Limited is not flouting the guidelines of the Environment Ministry and not wasting large tracts of land.
- (b): Does not arise in view of the answer given in Part (a) of this question.
- (c)&(d): The estimated details of total area covered by opencast mines as on March 2011 and the area reclaimed State wise are as under :

(in Hectares)

State	Total Area of Opencast mines (excavated) as of March 2011	Total Area Reclaimed
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West Bengal	1345.79	1074.00
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Jharkhand	8409.77	5170.92
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Madhya Pradesh	4397.14	1708.38
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Uttar Pradesh	1263.37	168.99
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Chattisgarh	4567.91	1693.59
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Odhisha 3458.03 1917.09

Maharashtra 5170.00 532.13

Assam 119.62 19.80