

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW COAL RESERVES

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

- (a) the targets to explore coal new reserves fixed by the Government during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) the details of the estimates and inventory prepared by Geological Survey of India and assessed coal resources during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of drilling envisaged to convert resources into proved category by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute and its agencies during the Twelfth Plan in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets of Twelfth Plan Period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a): The target for generation of new coal resources during the XI Five Year Plan was set at 29.90 Billion Tonnes (Bt.).
- (b): The inventory prepared by Geological Survey of India and coal resources assessed in last three years, state-wise are given annexure.
- (c): A programme has been drawn up with 49.55 lakh meter of drilling in CIL and Non-CIL areas during 12th Plan. It is expected that 74.75 Bt. of coal reserves will be 'Proved' through detailed exploration by Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDI) & its agencies.
- (d): Besides enhancing the drilling capacity of CMPDI the targets are also planned to be achieved through outsourcing.