

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IDENTIFICATION OF NEW COAL BLOCKS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to identify new coal blocks in the country;
- (b) If so, the details of the potential blocks that are available in the country including in the command area of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) Whether all the companies who have been allocated coal blocks have established production units in steel/cement /power sectors; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the action taken against such companies so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Identification of coal blocks for allocation is a continuous process. 54 coal blocks with total Geological Reserves of about 18.22 Billion Tonnes (BT) are identified for allocation. Out of 54 coal blocks, 13 coal blocks identified are in the command area of South Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(d) & (e) : As on date 30 coal blocks have come into production. Remaining blocks are in various stages of development. Production of the coal from the blocks is to be synchronized with the commissioning of associated specified end use projects.