

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF NEW COAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for exploring new coal reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated quantum available in these new coal reserves, State-wise; and
- (c) the follow-up action being taken by the Government to utilize these coal reserves?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The work of exploration is a continuous process and new resources get added year on year. As per the latest National Inventory on Indian Coal Resources published by Geological Survey of India, as on 01.04.2012, the total coal resources assessed in the country are about 293.497 Billion Tonnes. The State-wise details are given below :-

(in Million Tonnes)

State Geological Resources of Coal
 Proved Indicated Inferred Total

(A) Gondwana coalfields :

Andhra Pradesh 9566.61 9553.91 3034.34 22154.86

Assam 0 2.79 0 2.79

Bihar 0 0 160.00 160.00

Chhattisgarh 13987.85 33448.25 3410.05 50846.15

Jharkhand 40163.22 33609.29 6583.69 80356.20

Madhya Pradesh 9308.70 12290.65 2776.91 24376.26

Maharashtra 5667.48 3104.40 2110.21 10882.09

Orissa 25547.66 36465.97 9433.78 71447.41

Sikkim 0 58.25 42.98 101.23

Uttar Pradesh 884.04 177.76 0 1061.80

West Bengal 12425.44 13358.24 4832.04 30615.72

(B) Tertiary coalfields :

Arunachal Pradesh 31.23 40.11 18.89 90.23

Assam 464.78 42.72 3.02 510.52

Meghalaya 89.04 16.51 470.93 576.48

Nagaland 8.76 0 8.60 315.41

Total (A+B) 118144.82 142168.85 33183.49 293497.15

(c)A programme of about 50 lakh meters of drilling has been drawn for XII Five Year Plan under Detailed Exploration in coal against the actual achievement in the 11th Five Year Plan of 19.30 lakh meters, which is 259 % more than the actual achievement in XI Plan. This will enlarge proved reserve base of the country and thus enhance the coal production from plan to plan.