

**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 Union Government has since taken any steps to explore new coal reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of new coal reserves explored so far during the last three years along with the quantum of coal being produced therefrom; and
- (c) the extent to which the Government maintains coal reserves to meet adverse and emergent situations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) : Exploration of Coal is a continuous process, which is carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI), Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) and other agencies. As per the National Inventory on Indian Coal Resources published by GSI, the total coal resources assessed in the Country during the last three years are given below:-

(Figs. In Billion Tonnes)
As on Geological Resources
Proved# Indicated Inferred Total

01.04.2012	118.145	142.169	33.183	293.497
01.04.2013	123.181	142.632	33.101	298.914
01.04.2014	125.909	142.506	33.149	301.564

Note: Proved reserves are the outcome of detailed exploration carried out by different agencies and form the basis for project planning

Quantum of coal produced during the last three years is as under:-

(Figs. In Million Tonnes)
2011-12 2012-13 2013-14

539.950 556.402 565.766

As exploration is a continuous process the proved reserves are considered for planning purposes.