

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTFALL IN COAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of shortfall in quantity of coal reserves of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries during each of the last three years and the current year, subsidiary-wise;
- (b) whether the officers/employees of the said companies have been found guilty/punished for the said shortfall; and
- (c) if so, the number of cases of shortfall in coal reserves of the said companies registered during the said period and the action taken against the guilty officers?

Answer

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

(a): Exploration is a continuous process and depletion of reserves on account of production are taken care by addition of new reserves through detailed exploration. Thus exploration provides for sustaining current level of production and enhancing production in line with rapidly increasing demand for coal.

(b) & (c): Do not arise in view of reply at (a) above.