

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey to assess the quantum of coal/lignite reserves in different parts of Gujarat during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
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(a) & (b) : There is no incidence of occurrence of coal reserves in the State of Gujarat. However, 6.3% of country's assessed lignite resources are reported in Gujarat by Geological Survey of India (GSI). The Sub Group-V on Energy Mineral and Resources of the Central geological Programming Board (CGPB) plans for the regional exploration for coal and lignite in the country to identify new coal and lignite deposits. During the last three years and the current year, no exploration work has been carried out in Gujarat to assess the lignite reserves under promotional exploration since major part of the area has already been covered by earlier exploration. As per lignite inventory published by GSI, the lignite resources in Gujarat stand at 2722.05 Million Tonnes as on 1.4.2014.

During XII Plan Period (2012- 2017), the Working Group on Coal and Lignite has identified a target of 45000 m of drilling work of lignite in Gujarat under the Promotional Exploration Scheme.