

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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Surveys for Coal Reserves  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether in addition to present coal producing States, the Government has made surveys for coal reserves in other States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the States where fresh coal reserves have been found and quantum thereof; and
- (d) the time by which extraction of coal from these mines is likely to be started?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
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(a) & (b): In addition to present coal producing States, survey for coal is being done in Nagaland & Andhra Pradesh under Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Coal. In Nagaland regional exploration has been taken up in one block. In Andhra Pradesh, detailed exploration has been taken up in one block.

(c) & (d): The coal resource assessment is a continuous process and is done in various steps. The total estimated quantum of coal resource in the country is 306.59 billion tonnes as per "The inventory of Geological Resources of Indian Coal" (as on 01.04.2015), prepared by the Geological Survey of India. The State-wise breakup is enclosed as Annexure.

The procedure is that after conclusion of detailed exploration in potential & economically viable areas, the project reports are prepared. Then projects are taken up for implementation which follows different time frames.

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