GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COAL LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1999 ANSWERED ON:05.05.2016 New Coal Mines Chaudhary Shri C.R.;Ninama Shri Manshankar

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether new coal mines have been found in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years along with their production capacity;
- (c) whether the best quality of coal has been found in any of these coal mines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the total quantity of reserves found, mine and State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to allot any new coal mines in Nagaur district of Rajasthan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under the Plan scheme of Promotional (Regional) exploration of Ministry of Coal to explore new coal resources, a number of new blocks have been regionally explored to identify new coal resources. The details of exploration carried out in the last three years are enclosed in Annexure-I.

As per the procedure, after submission of these Promotional Geological Reports, detailed drilling in feasible areas are taken up to bring the coal resources under proven category. After conclusion of detailed exploration, the project reports are formulated indicating the assessed production capacity.

- (c) & (d): The better quality coal is assessed to occur in Raniganj, Sohagpur & Bishrampur coalfields. However, exact quality and quantity of coal mines cannot be known unless the projects are formulated.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f): Does not arise in view of reply to part (e) above.