

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2652
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

Exploration of Coal Blocks

2652. Shri Bastipati Nagaraju:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- the details of the number of new regional coal blocks that have been explored during each of the last three years by public and private companies, State-wise;
- the total quantity of coal resources added from these explorations, State-wise especially for Andhra Pradesh;
- whether any new coal exploration programme are being done in Andhra Pradesh;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Regional Coal and Lignite block exploration are done by Geological Survey of India (GSI), Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) and Private companies. Details are as under:

Details of number of new regional coal and lignite blocks explored by GSI:

State	No. of Blocks during 2021-22	No. of Blocks during 2022-23	No. of Blocks during 2023-24
Andhra Pradesh			
Assam			
Chhattisgarh	2	2	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	2	3
Nagaland		1	
Odisha	1	2	2
Jharkhand			
West Bengal		1	1
Maharashtra		1	
Bihar	1	1	1
Meghalaya			
Telangana	1		1
Tamil nadu	1	1	1
Grand Total	7	11	10

Details of the number of new regional coal and Lignite blocks explored by CMPDI

State	No. of Blocks during 2021-22	No. of Blocks during 2022-23	No. of Blocks during 2023-24
Andhra Pradesh			
Assam	1		3
Chhattisgarh	9	7	12
Madhya Pradesh	6	5	7
Nagaland	2	2	3
Odisha	3	2	
Jharkhand		2	7
West Bengal		1	
Maharashtra	2		5
Bihar	1	1	1
Meghalaya			1
Telangana			1
Tamilnadu			2
Rajasthan		3	
Grand Total	24	23	42

(b): During the exploration activities from 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, the total quantity of coal/lignite resources added is given below:

State	Resource (in Million Tonne)		
	Inferred	Reconnaissance	Total resource
<u>Coal</u>			
Odisha	11179.98	3117.41	14297.39
Chhattisgarh	5648.21	2247.60	7895.80
Madhya Pradesh	463.88	815.03	1278.91
Bihar	-	1584.14	1,584.14
Telangana	19.10	-	19.10
West Bengal	458.59	-	458.59
Andhra Pradesh	1618.70	606.86	2225.56
Jharkhand	1946.46	35.25	1981.71
Nagaland	85.52	31.89	117.41
Total Coal	21420.44	8438.18	29858.61
<u>Lignite</u>			
Tamil Nadu	-	1045.76	1045.76

(c) to (e): Presently, there is no new coal exploration programs being carried out by the CMPDI /GSI in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The regional exploration and in some part, detailed exploration has already been taken in the known prognosticated area. The

exploration may be taken further in the future, if the prognosticated area is modified in due course of exploration.
