

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL AND MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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COAL DEPOSITS IN ANDHRA PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether coal deposits available in Andhra Pradesh are not explored to the rated capacities; and  
(b) if so, indicate the action taken by the Government ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) As per the National Coal Resources Inventory, carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI), the total geological reserves of coal in Andhra Pradesh as on 1.1.2004 are as follows:

(Figs. in Million tonnes)

CATEGORY	RESERVES
Proved	8091
Indicated	6092
Inferred	2514
Total	16697

The Coal deposits in Andhra Pradesh are being explored through regional, promotional explorations and detailed exploration by deploying 33 drills.

Geological exploration is being carried-out systematically in Godavari Valley Coalfield in two stages.

The Preliminary Stage viz. Regional exploration/Promotional exploration is being carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) by deploying 11 drills (GSI-3, MECL -8), to identify the coal bearing areas and to establish the coal deposits under indicated/inferred category.

The Final Stage viz, detailed exploration is being carried out by Singareni Collieries Company Limited by deploying 25 drills to upgrade the Indicated/Inferred reserves to "Proved Category".

# The Proved reserves help in opening of new coal mines.

# During the X to XIII Five Year Plans period , it is programmed to prove a total of 2,700 Million tonnes of coal by SCCL through detailed exploration, involving 8.2 lakh mtrs. of drilling covering about 200 sq. kms of area.

# During the first two years of X Plan period, a total of 289 million tonnes of coal reserves have been proved in Godavari Valley Coalfield, Andhra Pradesh.