

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 30.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
COAL RESERVES .

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that coal reserves of 270 billion tonnes have been explored so far;
- (b) if not, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this coal is deposited in the barren forest land where nothing can be grown ; and
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard and the area of such forest land identified in the States having coal reserves?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): As per the latest inventory of geological resources of coal in India, prepared by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), a cumulative total of 267.21 billion tonnes of coal resources have been estimated in the country as on 1.4.2009.

(c) & (d): No specific data is available in respect of coal deposits under barren forest land, but occurrence of coal deposits in the country are largely in the forest areas.