

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF COAL**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 26.07.2010**

**ANSWERED ON**

**DEMAND AND AVAILABILITY OF COAL .**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that 267 billion tonnes of coal reserve has been estimated to be available in the country, so far;
- (b) if not, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the annual coal production has been only 430 million tonnes, so far; and
- (d) if so, whether the annual production of coal is enough to meet the domestic demand of coal and if not, the estimated demand thereof?

**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) : No, Sir. As per the latest National Inventory on Indian Coal Resources published by Geological Survey of India, as on 01.04.2010, the total coal resources assessed are about 276.81041 Billion Tonnes, as per details given below :

(in Billion Tonnes)

Proved	Indicated	Inferred	Total	109.79817	130.65370	36.35854	276.81041
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(c) & (d): No, Sir. The coal production in the country from the mines of Coal India Limited, Singareni Coalleries Company Limited and others during 2009-10 has been 532.062 million tonnes. As per the Annual Plan (2009-10) of the Ministry of Coal, the estimated demand of coal was assessed as 604.33 million tonnes.