GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
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New coalfield in Karbi Anglong district

3545. Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:

Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified new coal reserve and coalfield in Karbi Anglong district, Assam;
(b) the amount of coal and natural gas exported and imported; and
(c) the number of coal mines in operation in the country and the number of mines which are still non operative?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) Total coal resource in Karbi Anglong district, Assam as per the National Inventory-2021 is 3.71 million tonnes. No new coalfield has been identified in this district..

(b) Amount of Import and Export of Coal and import of Natural Gas during the last two years and current year upto Jan-2022 is as under.:

(figure for coal in Million tonnes and for Natural Gas in Million Metric tonnes)

Year		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (upto Jan-22)
Import	Coal	248.537	215.251	173.324
	Natural Gas	25.57	24.93	20.22
Export	Coal	1.030	2.945	0.813
	Natural Gas	0.00	0.00	0.00

Source:-Coal Directory 2020-21 Published by CCO and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

(c) The total number of functional Under Ground, Open Cast and Mixed coal mines and total number of Non-functional i.e Closed/ abandoned/ discontinued/ Non-producing coal Blocks/Mines, as on 31.03.2021, is 442 and 293 respectively.
