

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1143**  
**ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

**New coal reserves and coalfields in Assam**

**1143. Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified new coal reserves and coalfields in Karbi Anglong district of 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): As per the National Inventory of Coal & Lignite Resources as on 01-04-2022, the geological resource of high sulphur coal of Mikir Hills, Karbi Anglong district of Assam stands as 3.71 million tonne.

(b): The quantum of coal exported and imported during the Financial Year 2021-22 are 208.62686 million tonnes (provisional) and 1.31583 million tonnes (provisional) respectively. The quantum of Liquefied Natural Gas imported during the Financial year 2021-22 are 23.20 million metric tonnes and Liquefied Natural Gas has not been exported during the FY.

(c): 487 Coal mine (including not producing) are operational and 46 coal mines are non-operational mine (all fig. are Provisional).

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