

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1158**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

**New coalfields or reserves in the North Eastern Region**

**1158. Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified any new coalfields or reserves in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) the quantity of coal that is imported and exported; 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 COAL AND MINES**  
**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a): Since 2022-23 to 2024-25, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has identified and taken up three reconnaissance stage exploration projects on coal in the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland, in which GSI has established 4.72 million tonne of coal resource.

(b): Details of coal import and export during the last five years are as under:-

**(Figures in Million Tonne)**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Import</b>	<b>Export</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	248.537	1.030
<b>2020-21</b>	215.251	2.945
<b>2021-22</b>	208.627	1.316
<b>2022-23</b>	237.668	1.166
<b>2023-24</b>	264.531	1.376

(c): As on 31.03.2024, there are 408 producing coal mines in the country. There are 341 non-operational (discontinued/abandoned/closed) coal mines in the country.

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