

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2429
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EXPLORATION OF COAL/LIGNITE BLOCKS

2429 SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) whether Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) has undertaken exploration of coal/lignite blocks across the country including the State of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES

(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Exploration of coal/lignite blocks has been undertaken by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) across the country in the following States, including in the State of Telangana:-

Sl.No	State
1	Andhra Pradesh
2	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Assam
4	Bihar
5	Chhattisgarh
6	Jammu and Kashmir
7	Jharkhand
8	Gujarat
9	Madhya Pradesh
10	Maharashtra
11	Meghalaya
12	Mizoram
13	Nagaland
14	Odisha
15	Rajasthan
16	Sikkim
17	Tamilnadu
18	Telangana
19	Uttar Pradesh
20	West Bengal

Up to 2025–26, exploration of 241 lakh metres has been carried out by CMPDI, resulting in establishment of around 266 billion tonnes (BT) of coal resources in the national coal inventory.

In State of Telangana, about 4765 meters has been drilled under in Shantikhani dip side coal block, Godavari Valley Coalfield through funding from Ministry of Coal.
