

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2769  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

**Coal Reserves**

**2769. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:**

Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quantum of coal reserves in the country has been assessed and found to be the same as that of the coal reserves in China and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the views of the World Coal Association in this regard;
- (c) whether the coal production in India is lesser in comparison to the coal production in China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons for the shortfall in coal production in India thereby failing to meet the demand of coal in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b):** The total estimated coal resources in India is 319.02 billion tonnes (Bt) out of which 148.789 Bt is in Proved category as on 1.4.2018 as assessed by the Geological Survey of India. Data on coal resource of China is not maintained in Ministry of Coal. World Coal Association has not shared its views with Ministry of Coal.

**(c) & (d):** As compared in the report of International Energy Agency, raw coal production in India and China during 2017 was 676.479 million tonnes and 3158.630 million tonnes respectively.

**(e):** Despite the efforts made by coal sector, there is a shortfall in coal production due to reasons like problems in land acquisition owing to unclear land records, physical possession of land, rehabilitation and resettlement issues, evacuation and logistics constraints and Law & Order problem in coalfield areas.

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