

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

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Exploration of New Regional Coal Blocks

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of new regional coal blocks explored during the last five years in the country including the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the total length of drilling to explore new coal blocks during the last one year and the current year;
- (c) the total quantity of new resources added during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the total length of non-Coal India Limited blocks explored and the total drilling of the same during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a): The number of new regional coal blocks explored by GSI are 41 and CMPDI/other agencies are 90 under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) during the last five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23 including Maharashtra.

(b): The total length of drilling for exploration new coal blocks done by GSI and CMPDI/other agencies under CSS during the last one year and current year are as follows:

(Drilling in Meter)

Sl. No.	Company/ Organisation	2021-22	2022-23 (Upto Feb., 2023)
1.	GSI	32435.85	12457.10
2.	CMPDI/other agencies under CSS	157713.00	83814.00

(c): Total new coal resource added in last three years by CMPDI and GSI, state wise, are as follows:

(Quantity in million tonnes)

State	Year-2019-20		Year-2020-21		Year-2021-22	
	GSI	CMPDI	GSI	CMPDI	GSI	CMPDI
Jharkhand	1096.14	-	614.72	-	443.28	-
Odisha	3811.72	1013.79	225.99	-	3226.55	3177.65
Chattishgarh	9524.07	8689.72	3991.71	635.69	768.22	19.22
West Bengal	1247.14	-	154.85	-	779.11	-

Madhya Pradesh	491.85	41.61	931.87	697.83	699.91	158.08
Telangana	386.18	-	625.38	-	183.70	-
Maharastra	50.54	-	207.94	-	285.07	-
Bihar	917.57	-	712.66	-	973.11	-
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	640.01	-	1894.65	2225.56
Nagaland	-	-	0	-	31.89	117.41
Total:	17525.21	9745.12	8105.13	1333.52	9285.49	5697.92

(d): The total length of exploration and drilling in Non-CIL coal blocks by CMPDI/ other agencies under CSS and GSI during the last three years are given below:

(Drilling in Meter)

Sl. No.	Company/ Organisation	Years		
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1.	CMPDI/ other agencies under CSS	670153.00	644582.00	259333.00
2.	GSI	47215.35	40556.30	32435.85

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