

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2848  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

**Coal Exploration**

†2848. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey of coal exploration during the last year;  
(b) if so, the details thereof;  
(c) whether the Government proposes to promote the coal industry through mining in Rajasthan;  
(d) if so, the details thereof;  
(e) whether the Government has proposed to formulate any plan to meet the demand and supply of coal; and  
(f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India under the Central Sector Scheme, carry out exploration of coal and lignite through CMPDI, in two broad stages: (i) regional exploration and (ii) detailed drilling. Coal exploration is also carried out through NMET funding. GSI also takes exploration of coal and lignite. Details of Coal/lignite exploration programmes taken up during the last year (2022-23) is placed at Annexure.

(c)&(d): No coal reserve has been found in Rajasthan. As per the Inventory of India published by GSI for Coal and Lignite as on 01.04.2022, 6457.72 million tonnes of lignite resource is available in Rajasthan. One open cast lignite mine of 2.1 MTPA capacity at Barsingsar, Bikaner District of Rajasthan is operating by Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL) at present and there is no immediate proposal for further new mining activity in Rajasthan.

(e)& (f): The estimated coal demand for 2023-24 is 1196.60 Million Tonnes. The Production Plan till 2029-30 is as below:

Company/ Year	Production Target	Projection					
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
CIL	780.00	850.00	1000.00	1030.00	1055.00	1090.00	1120.00
SCCL	70.00	72.50	75.00	79.00	80.00	82.00	82.00
Captive & Others	162.14	181.6	203.39	227.80	255.14	285.75	320.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>1012.14</b>	<b>1104.10</b>	<b>1278.39</b>	<b>1336.80</b>	<b>1390.14</b>	<b>1457.75</b>	<b>1522.04</b>

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## Details of Coal/lignite exploration programmes taken up during the last year (2022-23) -

<b>List of Blocks for Coal/lignite Exploration during 2022-23</b>				
<b>Sl No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Coalfield / Lignitefield</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Total drilling meterage Apr'22 to March'23</b>
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Namchik Namphuk	Namchik East & Namchik West	1254.70
2	Bihar	Hura	Shrimatpur	2257.00
3	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Karichhapar	10520.00
4	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Nawagaon-Chainpur	4829.00
5	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Kotmer	4474.50
6	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Teram	6421.00
7	Chhattisgarh	Sonhat	Mahai	45809.00
8	Chhattisgarh	Tatapani-Ramkola	West of Bagra	408.50
9	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Barra	2675.00
10	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Charbhata East	8099.50
11	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	West of Chhal	6790.00
12	Chhattisgarh	East of Bistrampur	Ulia Gamhardih	299.00
13	Chhattisgarh	East of Bistrampur	Dhaska Naugai	626.60
14	Chhattisgarh	Sonhat	North of Labji Pusla	3000.00
15	Chhattisgarh	Sohagpur	West of Sheetaladhara	466.00
16	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Purunga West	1427.00
17	Chhattisgarh	Mand-Raigarh	Hati	1810.00
18	Jharkhand	North Karanpura	North of Piparwar	14787.00
19	Jharkhand	Rajmahal	Rajgaon	46786.10
20	Jharkhand	Rajmahal	East of Chuperbhita	2426.70
21	Jharkhand	Jharia	South of Damuda	3774.50
22	Madhya Pradesh	Sohagpur	Bicharpur South	13077.00
23	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	Deoragam	13443.00
24	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	Pachaur	3247.00
25	Madhya Pradesh	Sohagpur	Shahpur	6408.00
26	Madhya Pradesh	Sohagpur	Marwatola Sec-I & II	3926.00
27	Madhya Pradesh	Sohagpur	Marwatola Sec-III & IV	3071.00
28	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	Gurwani	2313.50
29	Madhya Pradesh	Pench Valley	Khirda	349.30
30	Maharashtra	Wardha Valley	Dipside of Baranj Manora-Takli	2364.00
31	Maharashtra	Wardha Valley	Temurda South	10937.40
32	Maharashtra	Wardha Valley	Lathi-Purad	453.00
33	Maharashtra	Kamptee	Mohpa-Telgaon	587.00

34	Nagaland	Melak-Tsurang (Jhanji-Disai) Valley	Mongchen Dibuia	881.40
35	Nagaland	Melak-Tsurang (Jhanji-Disai) Valley	Yimchenkimong-Tuli	997.30
36	Nagaland	Jhanji-Desai	Satsukba-Sahaphumi	200.00
37	Odisha	Ib Valley	Dip Extn. Of Belpahar	11015.00
38	Odisha	Talcher	Palasbani East	1496.00
39	Odisha	Talcher	Jadunathpur	327.00
40	Odisha	Talcher	South of Kardabahal- Brahmanbil	2059.00
41	Odisha	Ib Valley	Chatabar West	3689.00
42	Odisha	Talcher	Takua	3184.00
43	Odisha	Ib Valley	Tangardih East	11441.00
44	Odisha	Talcher	Saradhapur-Jalatap	3753.90
45	Odisha	Ib-River	Korbahal	2445.00
46	Odisha	Talcher	Talanali	1060.10
47	Tamil Nadu	Ramnad	Ramanathapuram	1614.00
48	West Bengal	Raniganj	Binodpur Bhabaniganj	2306.00
49	West Bengal	Raniganj	South of Hingla	3765.00
50	West Bengal	Raniganj	Tamra	11762.00
51	West Bengal	Raniganj	North of Parbelia	959.00
52	West Bengal	Birbhum	Rasulpur	2137.00
53	Tamil Nadu (Lignite)	Ramnad	Ramanathapuram	1414.00