

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3369
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

Shortage of Coal

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Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to explore new mining areas to meet the present shortage of coal;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed new mining areas/sites so identified;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to use forest lands for exploring the new mining areas and if so, the details thereof location-wise along with the area of forest land to be used for such new mining areas; and
- (d) the percentage of energy needs of India that is achieved through usage of coal?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) In the FY 2021-22 CMPDI has identified 19 coal blocks (EX-NER) and 12 Blocks in NER region for exploration of coal in the new areas. The details of the identified exploration blocks for regional exploration is enclosed in the **Annexure-I**.

(c) CMPDIL is doing the exploration in the forest land in some blocks with competent permission of forest authority without affecting/diversifying the forest areas.

(d) During FY 2020-21, the share of total energy generated from coal was to the tune of 73% as per the Energy Statistics, 2020-21 of MoSPI.

Promotional Exploration(G2/G3) Programme in Coal & Lignite from CSS Funding During 2021-22

| Sl. No. | State | Coalfield | Block | Area (Sq km) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Chattisgarh | Mand Raigarh | Barra | 24.00 |
| 2 | Chattisgarh | Mand Raigarh | Charbhata East | 54.00 |
| 3 | Chattisgarh | Tatapani Ramkola | West of Bagra | 26.00 |
| 4 | Chattisgarh | Tatapani Ramkola | Reonti Extn | 14.00 |
| 5 | Chattisgarh | Tatapani Ramkola | Ira Valley East Block | 63.00 |
| 6 | Chattisgarh | Tatapani Ramkola | Ira Valley West Block | 64.00 |
| 7 | MP | Sohagpur | Mahai | 43.00 |
| 8 | MP | Singrauli | Thanatola | 37.00 |
| 9 | Odisha | Talcher | Jadunathpur North | 12.50 |
| | | | TOTAL | 338 |
| II | | | | |
| 1 | Odisha | Talcher | Saradhapur-Jalatap | 26.64 |
| 2 | Odisha | IB valley | Area between Hemagiri-Meenakshi Extn (Ustali) | 27.20 |
| 3 | Odisha | Ib Valley | Tangardihi | 19.45 |
| 4 | MP | Sohagpur | Shahpur (Senduri) | 22.80 |
| 5 | MP | Sohagpur | Nigwani Bakeli A | 21.65 |
| 6 | Chattisgarh | Mand Raigarh | Kartala | 36.00 |
| 7 | Chattisgarh | Mand Raigarh | Taulipali | 37.30 |
| 8 | Chattisgarh | Mand Raigarh | Rajadahi | 40.30 |
| 9 | Chattisgarh | Hasdeo Arand | Puti Parogia | 55.75 |
| 10 | Jharkhand | Rajmahal | Rajgaon | 51.80 |
| Total Drilling with 2D/3D Seismic survey | | | | 339 |
| III Coal NER | | | | |
| 1 | Nagaland | Mokokchung District | Mogchen Dubia | 7.60 |
| 2 | Nagaland | Mokokchung District | Tuli-Yimchenkimong | 30.56 |
| 3 | Assam | Karbi Anglong District | Klurdung, Sarpo Teron Gaon & Lal Dera Nepali Basti/Kheleriahat | 20.00 |
| 4 | Assam | Singrimari | Phatapara | 10.00 |
| 5 | Assam | Mikir Hills | Dithor/Garampani/Khonongma | 57.70 |
| 6 | Arunchal Pradesh | Namchik- Namphuk | Miaobum | 5.00 |
| 7 | Arunchal Pradesh | Namchik- Namphuk | Khamdu I & II | 5.00 |
| 8 | Arunchal Pradesh | Namchik- Namphuk | Naitong | 5.00 |
| 9 | Arunchal Pradesh | Namchik- Namphuk | Thalat | 5.00 |
| 10 | Mizoram | Mizoram | Lusaicheera (Thinglum) | 33.00 |
| 11 | Mizoram | Mizoram | West of Rotlang | 10.00 |
| 12 | Meghalya | Meghalya | Umthengkutkut/Damal Asim Dadangiri/Kahaliehriat-Sutanga | 12.00 |
| | | | Total | 201 |
| Grand Total of Drilling (Coal) by All Agencies | | | | 877 |