

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

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Coal Stock

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total estimated untapped coal stock in the North-Eastern States (NERs) of the country, State wise including district wise details for the State of Meghalaya,
- (b) the details of the total number of operational and non-operational mines in the NERs,
- (c) the total number of coal block allocations done in the North-Eastern coalfields,
- (d) whether illegal mining has affected the coal revenue in the region; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to prevent these activities?

ANSWER

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

(a): The estimated coal resources in the North Eastern States of the country as per Coal Inventory of India published by Geological Survey of India (GSI) as on 01.04.2021 is 1739.37 million tonne and the State-wise distribution are given below:

State-wise break-up of coal Resource of North Eastern States

(Resource in MT)
(Provisional)

State	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Total
MEGHALAYA	89.04	16.51	470.93	576.48
ASSAM	464.78	57.21	3.02	525.01
NAGALAND	8.76	21.83	415.83	446.42
SIKKIM	0.00	58.25	42.98	101.23
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	31.23	40.11	18.89	90.23
Total	593.81	193.91	951.65	1739.37

District-wise data of coal resource is not maintained. However, coalfield-wise coal resources in the state of Meghalaya as per Coal Inventory of India published as on 01.4.2022 is given in the following table-

Coal Field wise Coal Resources in the state of Meghalaya

(Resource in MT)
(Provisional)

Coal Field	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Total (mt)
BALPHAKRAM-PENDENGURU	0.00	0.00	107.03	107.03
SIJU	0.00	0.00	125.00	125.00
MAWLONG-SHELLA	2.17	0.00	3.83	6.00
BAPUNG	11.01	0.00	22.65	33.66
JAYANTI HILLS (MINOR CF)	0.00	0.00	2.34	2.34
WEST DARANGGIR	65.40	0.00	59.60	125.00
EAST DARANGIRI			34.19	34.19
LANGRIN	10.46	16.51	106.19	133.16
KHASI HILLS (MINOR CF)	0.00	0.00	10.10	10.10
TOTAL FOR MEGHALAYA	89.04	16.51	470.93	576.48

(b): As on date, one coal mine of Coal India Limited, i.e. Tikak Extension OCP of Tikak Colliery is operational mine and one coal mine of Coal India Limited, i.e Tirap OCP, is non-operational mine.

(c): There is no coal mine whose allocation order has been executed in North eastern states (viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim). However, Government has recently finished auction process under third round of commercial auction scheme where following mines situated in North-eastern states were auctioned:

S.no.	Mine	State	Successful Bidder
1	Koilajan	Assam	Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited
2	Garampani	Assam	Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited
3	Namchik Namphuk	Arunachal Pradesh	Platinum Alloys Private limited.

(d): Illegal mining has affected the revenue in the form of Royalty, Cess, Taxes etc. to be collected by the State.

(e): The action being taken to stop theft/illegal mining of coal are as follows:

- Joint operations with the state police against illegal coal mining.
- Patrolling of vulnerable areas by AISF.
- In North Eastern Coalfields, the DGR Sponsored Security Agency, M/S 5279/ Manohar Shivram Shinde Security Agency is engaged for deployment of Security personals at strategic points.
- Installation of CCTV cameras at strategic points including coal dump area.
- Strict control at Colliery gates.

- Person involved in pilfering coal are apprehended and handed over to local Police.
- There are cases of illegal mining of coal which when detected is promptly reported to local police and/or state forest department.

The details of complaints regarding illegal mining reported by CIL during the last four years and current year are as follows:

YEAR	ILLEGAL MINING			PILFERAGE OF COAL		
	NO. CASES/INCIDENTS	FIR LODGED	ARREST MADE	NO. CASES/INCIDENTS	FIR LODGED	ARREST MADE
2018-19	8	8	Nil	21	21	15
2019-20	1	1	Nil	27	27	16
2020-21	4	4	Nil	09	09	09
2021-22	1	1	Nil	07	07	08
2022-23(up to Jun'2022)	Nil	Nil	Nil	01	01	01
