

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2748
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

Lignite Coal Exploration Survey in Rajasthan

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether abundant coal deposits have been identified during the Lignite Coal Exploration Survey in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether through mining, Government proposes to extend/continue the scheme of survey conducted in Churu and Bikaner regions of Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the timeframe fixed for the same?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b): In Rajasthan, the estimated lignite resources, as per the Lignite inventory of India published by Geological Survey of India (GSI), as on 01.04.2023, is following:-
(Resource in million tonne)

State	Measured (331)	Indicated (332)	Inferred (333)	Resource
Rajasthan	1203.85	3108.55	2273.84	6586.24

The district wise lignite resource in Rajasthan is as under:

District	Lignite Resource (in million tonne)
Bikaner	1099.82
Barmer	4559.69
Jaisalmer & Bikaner	11.47
Jaisalmer & Barmer	13.80
Jaisalmer	70.44
Jalore	76.08
Nagaur	735.75
Nagaur & Pali	19.19
Total	6586.24

(c)&(d): The lignite exploration is being carried out in Rajasthan during 2024-25 through Central sector scheme of Ministry of Coal (MOC) and GSI. CMPDI has identified two blocks in the Bikaner district which are under Detailed Exploration through Central Sector Scheme. It will take about 2-3 years time to complete the exploration. GSI has also taken up one block for preliminary exploration in Bikaner District. No exploration taken up in Churu district by GSI or CMPDIL.
