

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1845
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.05.2016

Exploration by MECL

1845. SHRIY. V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has carried out exploration on recently discovered coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether any report has been submitted to the Government by MECL;
- (c) if so, the findings of the reports; and
- (d) the time by which the Government proposes to start excavating coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL,
POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) & (b): Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has taken up exploration of Somavaram West and Chintalapudi coal blocks and commenced drilling operations. However drilling in Somavaram East block has not started.

(c) & (d): Procedurally, on completion of exploration Geological Report (GR) is prepared. Based on GR, mining feasibility for extraction is decided. The time of start of excavation of these coal reserves cannot be estimated as of now.
