

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3500  
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021

EXPLORATION OF NEW REGIONAL COAL BLOCKS

3500. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL;  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE;  
DR. HEENA GAVIT;  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL;  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- the total number of new regional coal blocks explored during the last two years, State-wise;
- the total length of drilling to explore new coal blocks during the last one year;
- the total quantity of new resources added during the last one year, State-wise; and
- the total length of non-Coal India Limited (CIL) blocks explored and the total drilling of the same during the last two years?

ANSWER

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

(a): The State wise detail of regional coal blocks in which drilling carried out during 2018-19 & 2019-20 by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) are given below:

State	Number of Blocks during 2018-19	Number of Blocks during 2019-20
Andhrapradesh	1	1
ASSAM	-	1
Chattisgarh	9	3
Madhya Pradesh	5	4
Nagaland	1	1
Odisha	1	2
Jharkhand	1	-
Total	18	12

(b): The total length of 82,092 meter drilling was carried out in 2019-20 by CMPDI to explore the new coal blocks.

(c): The total new coal resources added by CMPDI through submitted Geological Reports, during the year 2019-20, state-wise is given below:

Sl. No	State	Block	Total Resources Estimated (Million tonnes)
1	Chattisgarh	Kotmer	656.49
2	Chattisgarh	Rajadahi	2924.50
3	Chattisgarh	Pipraul	188.61
4	Chattisgarh	Taulipalli	4920.12
5	Odisha	Baratap	1013.79
6	Madhya Pradesh	Bandha Bara	41.61
	Total		9745.12

(d): The total length drilling in Non-CIL coal blocks in 2018-19 & 2019-20 are given below:

Year	Number of blocks	Drilling (Meter)
2018-19	41	483609
2019-20	56	670153