

राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र	हजार टन में					
	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95	
	उत्पादन	वसूली	उत्पादन	वसूली	उत्पादन	वसूली
(ख) केन्द्रीय पूल में अंशदान नहीं						
गुजरात	830	28	839	20	942	11
जम्मू और कश्मीर	509	—	507	—	507	—
तमिलनाडु	6806	1232	6750	589	7686	291
जोड़ (ख)	8145	1260	8096	609	9135	302
अन्य (ग)	2498	—	2556	—	2520	—
अखिल भारतीय (क+ख+ग)	72868	13053	80298	14260	81158	13705

नगण्य: 500 टन से कम

उपलब्ध नहीं।

Exploration of Mines

3439. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposal to increase the area for exploration of mines is under active consideration of Govt.;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether such an activity will bring an estimated increase in export of ores and minerals in future; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) As per the provisions of Section 6 of Mines & Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957, there is a limit of 25 Sq. K.M. On the area which can be granted for prospecting licence in respect of any mineral or prescribed group of associated minerals. However, the Central Govt, can in the interest of mineral development, permit any person

to acquire prospecting licences for areas in excess of this limit. There is no proposal at present to amend this provision of the Act.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Fire in Jharia underground Coal Mines

3440. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing fire in some underground coal mines especially in Jharia;

(b) whether there is a need to extinguish the fire as it is creating extensive damage to the coal resources as well as creating fear in the minds of the people; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken to extinguish the fire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) At the time of nationalisation of coking coal mines 70 fires spread over an area of