

Availability of coal

*237.SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has carried out any study about the availability of coal taking thickness of the bed as the basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of coal reserves in the country, thickness-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Coal resources in the country are assessed/compiled by the Geological Survey of India under the Ministry of Mines. As per the present practice, coal bed (seam) thickness of 0.9 meter and above is considered for resource estimation. Though the thickness of the coal bed (seam) is taken into account for estimation of resources, resources are not compiled on the basis of the seam thickness. The total coal resources as on 01.04.2009 in the country stand at 267210 million tonnes. The state-wise coal resources are given below:-

(in million tonnes)	
State	Geological resources of Coal
Andhra Pradesh	18927
Arunachal Pradesh	90
Assam	387
Bihar	160
Chhattisgarh	44483
Jharkhand	76712
Madhya Pradesh	20981
Maharashtra	10154
Meghalaya	577
Nagaland	22
Orissa	65227
Sikkim	101
Uttar Pradesh	1062
West Bengal	28327
TOTAL :	267210

Circuit Benches of Supreme Court and High Courts

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SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: