

(b) how much of this is being exploited; and

(c) how many coal blocks, with total geological reserves, have been allocated for Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) As per the National Inventory of Coal (as on 01.04.2009), the total geological resource of the country is 267.2 billion tonne out of which the coal resource in the State of Jharkhand is 76.7 billion tonne.

(b) Raw coal production from Coal India Limited (Eastern Coalfields Limited, Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Central Coalfields Limited) in the State of Jharkhand during the last three years are given below:-

(in million tonnes)			
Company	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Eastern Coalfields Limited	13.31	8.97	12.75
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	24.04	25.05	25.38
Central Coalfields Limited	41.32	44.15	43.24

(c) 48 coal blocks with total geological reserves of approximate 12521.33 million tonnes have been allocated to various Public Sector Undertakings and private companies in Jharkhand.

#### Pending coal projects

1062. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many coal projects are pending due to delay in land acquisition and getting environmental and forestry clearances;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 6021 hectares of land has been acquired out of proposed 62,000 hectares of land during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(e) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken for early clearance of land acquisition for the coal based projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Fire in abandoned Jharia mines

1063. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: