

Durgapur-II/Taraimar have been allotted to Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) for its Godhna Super TPS Unit 1 and 2 (2*800MW). No request has been received from KPCL for allocating a coal block for its Edlapur TPS.

(b) Under the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, it has been decided to allot Ghogarpalli and Dipside of Ghogarpalli coal blocks to Coal India Ltd ./its subsidiary viz. Western Coalfields Ltd. Therefore, these blocks are no longer available for allocation.

(c) As per SHAKTI policy, 2017, coal linkages to power sector plants of the Government Sector are allocated on nomination basis on the recommendation of Ministry of Power. Ministry of Coal has not received request for allocation of coal linkage under SHAKTI policy, 2017 by KPCL for Edlapur and Godhna TPSs.

Status of coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh

17. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has 1600 million tonnes of coal reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts being made to excavate these resources;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requesting for allotting these coal mines to it;

(e) if so, the present status of the same and by when the Ministry is going to allot coal blocks to Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) details of changes proposed by the ministry under 20 lakhs crore package announced due to COVID-19?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. As per National Inventory of Coal and Lignite Resources, 2019 issued by Geological Survey of India (GSI), the total established coal resource of Andhra Pradesh is 1607.21 million tonnes.

(b) Depth-wise resource of coal in the State of Andhra Pradesh is given below:-

(Resource in million tonne)					
Coal Type	Depth(m)	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Total
Non-Coking Coal	0-300	87.38	419.49	45.03	551.90
	300-600	9.74	577.08	107.75	694.57
	600-1200	0.00	81.87	278.87	360.74
TOTAL		97.12	1078.44	431.65	1607.21

(c) In order to excavate these resources, regional and detailed exploration has been taken up by Ministry of Coal. Out of total resources, about 97 million tonnes of resources are in proved category and about 1510 million tonnes are in indicated/inferred category.

(d) and (e) Andhra Pradesh Government had requested for exploration of 3 coal blocks *i.e.* Somavaram East, Somavaram West and Chintalpudi blocks. Out of which exploration in Somavaram West was completed and resources were proved for projectization of mine. The drilling in Chintalpudi Sector-I has been concluded and Geological Report (GR) will be submitted by March, 2021. The GR of Somavaram East will be submitted by March, 2022.

(f) There is no change proposed by Ministry of Coal under 20 lakhs crore package announced by the Government.

Infrastructure development proposals in coal sector

18. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) details of infrastructure development proposals pending in coal sector, proposal-wise;

(b) the opinion of the Ministry towards grant of ₹ 50,000 crore given for infrastructure development in coal sector and the timeline for utilization of this fund; and

(c) planning of the Ministry to utilize this amount?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) No infrastructural development proposal is pending.