

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1319  
ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022**

**Drilling carried out by CMPDI**

**1319. SHRI Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) carried out drilling in two coal blocks in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of reserves that the CMPDI found in the above two coal blocks;
- (d) the details of quality of coal available in these blocks and whether Government will consider allocating these coal blocks to RINL and other plants in the State; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a)** Yes.

**(b)** CMPDI has carried out detailed drilling in Chintalpaudi Sector A-1 and Somavram East coal blocks of Andhra Pradesh during the last two years. The details are as given below:

<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Drilling meterage 2019-20</b>	<b>Drilling meterage 2020-21</b>
Chintalpaudi Sector A1	3667	0.00
Somavram East	13632	14412

**(c)** The details of the resources in these two blocks are as under:

<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Resources ( Million Tonnes)</b>		
	<b>Proved</b>	<b>Indicated</b>	<b>Total</b>
Chintalpaudi Sector A1	823.857	43.872	867.729
Somavram East (tentative)	93.67		93.67

**(d)&(e):** The quality of the coal in Chintalpaudi sector A1 block varies from grade G5 to G17 (average grade G12). The quality of Somavaram East varies from G7 to G17 (Avg Grade-G13).

In respect of the two coal blocks of Andhra Pradesh viz. Chintalpaudi sector A1 block and Somavaram East coal block, directions have already been issued to Nominated Authority for allocating them by auction for sale of coal. As such, there is no plan to allocate these two coal blocks to RINL or any other plants in the State

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