

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1324  
ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022**

**New coal blocks**

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Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of new regional coal blocks explored during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the total length of drilling to explore new coal blocks during the last two years;
- (c) the total quantity of new resources added during the last two years, State-wise; and
- (d) the total length of non-Coal India limited (CIL) blocks explored and the total drilling of the same during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a)** The number of regional coal blocks, state-wise in which drilling carried out during 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 are given in below table-

State	Years		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Andhra Pradesh	1	1	-
ASSAM	-	1	1
Chhattisgarh	9	3	9
Madhya Pradesh	5	4	4
Nagaland	1	1	3
Odisha	1	2	5
Jharkhand	1	-	-
West Bengal	-	-	1
Maharashtra	-	-	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>

**(b)** The total length of drilling carried out during 2019-20 and 2020-21 in regional coal blocks are given in below table-

<b>Year</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Total Drilling (in (Meter))	82,092	111734

**(c)** The total new coal resources added by CMPDI through submitted Geological Reports, during the year 2019-20 and 2020-21, state-wise is given in below table;

(Quantity in Million tonnes))

Sl. No	Year	State	Block	Total Resources Estimated
1	2019-20	Chhattisgarh	Kotmer	656.49
2			Rajadahi	2924.50
3			Pipraul	188.61
4			Taulipalli	4920.12
5		Odisha	Baratap	1013.79
6		Madhya Pradesh	Bandha Bara	41.61
Total				9745.12
7	2020-21	Chhattisgarh	Sirki	35.50
8			Bagra	600.19
9		Madhya Pradesh	Mandaria	257.00
10			Hatta-Dudhmania	440.83
Total				1333.52

**(d):** The total length drilling in Non-CIL coal blocks in 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21 are given below-

<b>Year</b>	<b>No of blocks</b>	<b>Drilling (Meter)</b>
2018-19	41	483609
2019-20	56	670153
2020-21	50	644582

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