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Exploration of coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of exploring reserves from Chintalapudi Sector- A1 and Somavaram in West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) by when Government is going to invite bids for extracting reserves in the above blocks;
- (c) the grade of coal available in these blocks;
- (d) the details of royalty that the State of Andhra Pradesh is going to get from exploration of these reserves; and
- (e) whether Government will allocate required quantity of coal from these blocks for thermal power stations, steel and others in Andhra Pradesh on priority?

ANSWER

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

(a): Status of exploring reserves from Chintalapudi Sector- A1 and Somavaram in West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh are given below:

Blocks	Resources (Million Tonnes)		
	Proved	Indicated	Total
Chintalpaudi Sector A1	823.857	43.872	867.729
Somavaram East	103.689	-	103.689
Somavaram West	97.115	-	97.115

(b): Chintalapudi Sector-A1 coal mine is under auction in 5th Tranche of auctions under MMDR Act, 1957 and is a fully explored block. The last date for submission of bids in 5th tranche under MMDR Act was June 27, 2022. However, no bid has been received for Chintalapudi Sector-A1 coal mine. Somavaram East & West coal mines have yet not been put in auction.

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

(d): Since extraction from these coal blocks are yet to be started, the royalty to the state of Andhra Pradesh cannot be estimated.

(e): No Sir. Allocatee is free to sell coal in open market.
