

[17 December, 2003] RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A major accident occurred at Godavarikhani No. 8—A incline mine of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL) on 17.10.2003 at around 1.00 AM, due to roof fall in which 10 persons were killed and 2 persons received serious bodily injury.

(c) Ministry of Labour has decided to constitute a court of inquiry under Section 24 of the Mines Act, 1952 by a sitting Judge of a High Court.

Discovery of coalfields by G.S.I.

1551. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise names of places where the Geological Survey of India has found new coalfields during the last decade;

(b) the quantities of coal in each of the new found places, and

(c) how far this coal will meet the requirements of thermal power stations and steel industry sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) The State-wise/coalfield-wise names of places where the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has assessed new (additional) coal resources on the basis of regional exploration during the last decade (1993-2002) alongwith the quantity of coal resources are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) Out of the total coal resources of 18.52 billion tonnes explored by GSI during the last decade (1993-2002), only about 0.47 billion tonnes occurring in East Bokaro (Jharkhand) and Sohagpur (M.P./Chhattisgarh) coalfield and also a part of about 0.35 billion tonne occurring in Batua and Patasi Blocks of Sohagpur coalfield are found to have coking properties which may be suitable for steel industry. The balance coal resources are suitable for thermal power stations.

Statement

State-wise/coalfield-wise names of places where the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has assessed new (additional) coal resources on the basis of regional exploration during the last decade (1993-2002) alongwith the quantity of coal resources

Sl. No.	State	Coalfield	Block/Sector/Area of Exploration	Resource (in million tonne)
1.	West Bengal	Birbhum	Dholkatha-Garia	1136.03
			Rampur-Mollapur	560.21
		Raniganj	Dhenua	281.72
			Bistupur-Danadeshwar	349.87
			Trans-Damodar	103.15
			Banspetali-Majid	76.45
			Mohanpur	15.69
			Krishnanagar	22.13
			Barul-Bagdiha	24.58
			Churulia	200.24
			Domra sub-basin	165.91
2.	Bihar/Jharkhand	South	Patratu	269.15
		Karanpura	Patratu (South)	18.00
			Hetoli	8.91
		Auranga	Banhardi	433.46
			Latehar	22.04
		East	Siari (Coking Coal)	271.24
		Bokaro		
		Rajmahal	Keyadih-Gandharap	401.39
		Group	Urma-Paharitola	579.30
			Chaudhar-Gariapani	230.95
			Saharpur-Jamarpani	290.26
3.	MP/Chhattisgarh	Sohagpur	Jarwahi (Coking Coal)	201.68
			Dulhara	144.40
			Batura (Partly coking)	112.50
			Dhanpura	80.02
			Manpura	24.43
			Shahdol	96.82

Sl. No.	State	Coalfield	Block/Sector/Area of Exploration	Resource (in million tonne)
4.	Orissa	Korba	Kelmania-Mithauri	123.63
			Ghunghuti	17.89
			Patasi (Partly coking)	233.99
			Bhilai	725.06
			Tampra	47.11
			Karkapara	5.37
			Karkoma	48.42
		Mand-Raigarh	Tilaipali	371.22
			Phutamura	48.43
			Nakdama	326.50
			Ongana-Potiya	483.53
		Ramkola Tatapani	Kusalda	222.83
			Amritpur	66.20
			Sondhiya	53.79
			Meghuli	63.72
		Bisrampur	Sursa	72.55
			Baheratoll	114.21
			Latori	87.59
			Khargao-Songara	82.93
		Hasdo-Arnad	Badauli	66.56
			Kente	163.32
		Singrauli	Ujheni (West)-Gondbaher	230.57
		Ib-River	Himgiri	226.82
			Tongardih	194.99
			Tongardih (East)	73.88
		Talcher	Budhajhoria	285.34
			Chhendipada (West) and Patrapara	1094.34
			Bagaria-Aunli	2387.45
			Kosala (East)	1495.30
			North of Akhrapal and Serampur	1070.29
			Sarapal-Nuapara	701.16
			Kudanali-Laburi	396.10

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5.	Maharashtra	Wardha Valley	Jogapur-Sirsi	92.20
			Rajura-Manikgarh	9.33
			Bahmani-Palasgaon	19.18
			Bhatali	43.00
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Godavari Valley	Kothagudem Dip Extension	36.73
			Rampuram	82.37
			Krishnavaram	193.45
			Khammampalli	17.67
			Vodugudem	108.35
			Jaganathapuram-Gudiapada	25.10
			Venkatapur (North)	155.95
			Dharmacherla-Abbugudem	21.52
			Santinagaram	11.85
TOTAL				18518.27

Infiltration of terrorists

1552. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action on the reports of the Indian Army to the effect that there are no improvement in the situation of infiltration of terrorists and shelling in the entire Kargil area in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the ISI of Pakistan has innovated its strategy to infiltrate into the areas of Leh and Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Firing across the Line of Control (LoC) was a regular Phenomenon during the current year till the ceasefire with effect from 26th November 2003. The infiltration trend this year generally conforms to that of last year. There are no inputs to suggest infiltration through Kargil Sector of Jammu and Kashmir. Further, no inputs have been received to suggest a new strategy of infiltration.