

In the Shahpur field the coal-bearing beds cover an area of about 26 square miles, but there is no reliable information as to the thickness, number, or quality of the seams.

The Chhindwara group of fields cover an area of about 100 square miles in the valleys of the Tawa, Pench, and Kanhan rivers. A considerable amount of exploitation has been carried out in the Pench valley, and I am indebted to Messrs. Shaw, Wallace & Company, of Calcutta, for the figures embodied in the table shown below, which, however, embraces only a small portion of the total area of the Chhindwara group of fields.

DISTRICT	COAL-SEAMS		ACTUAL RESERVE (Calculation based on actual thickness and extent)			PROBABLE RESERVES (Approximate estimate)			POSSIBLE RESERVE
			Area	Class of Coal	Metric Tons	Area	Class of Coal	Metric Tons	
	No.	Thickness							
			Acres			Acres			
Pench Valley.....	3	14 ft.	650	D	14,470,000				
	2	13 ft. 6 in.	436	D	9,400,000				
	3	11 ft. to 24 ft.				2,870	D	64,664,000	Large
Pench River.....	1	8 ft.	506	D	6,170,000				
	1 to 2	8 ft. to 23 ft.				1,402		31,500,000	
Central Pench.....	2	13 ft.	736	D	16,000,000				
	2	10 ft.				1,012		16,700,000	
Pench Consolidated Company's property	1 to 2	6 ft. to 9 ft.				1,981		24,200,000	Large
Jatachapa.....	2	Agg. 13 ft.	820	D	16,240,000				

GODAVARI BASIN

The Godavari belt of Coal-Measures embraces a very large area, and includes various fields in the districts of Chanda and in Berar, and others again in the Nizam's Dominions (Hyderabad State). The following list, shown on page 361, includes such information as there is about the probable coal resources of this belt; it is very imperfect, since there may be considerable reserves below the cloak of alluvium and Deccan trap which prevails throughout the area, and it is safe to assume that the estimated amounts constitute only a fraction of the whole quantity available.