

COAL PRODUCTION

(million tonnes)

*233. SHRI LAL BABU RAJ : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of coal from underground mines has been stagnant for the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total production from the underground coal mines during each of the last three years;

(d) whether there is any proposal to fix separate production targets for underground mines and open cast mines; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA) :

STATEMENT

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Figures of coal production from underground mines in Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) during last three years given below :—

	(million tonnes)		
Year	CIL	SCCL	Total
1990-91	55.84	11.12	66.96
1991-92	56.63	12.30	68.93
1992-93 (Provisional)	56.86	13.51	70.37

(d) : Yes, Sir.

(e) Target of underground and opencast coal production for the year 1993-94 is given below :

Company	Underground	Opencast	Total
CIL	58.70	157.30	216.00*
SCCL	15.00	9.00	24.00

*In addition 4.00 million tonnes exposed coal.

OIL WELLS

*234. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of oil wells have been damaged in Bombay due to over-exploitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures contemplated to repair the wells and bring them back to normal production; and

(d) the estimated increase in production of crude oil on operationalisation of these wells ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) to (d) : It is a normal oilfield occurrence that some production wells turn idle/sick and some idle/sick wells are brought back on production through workover operations. Rectificatory measures to improve and maintain reservoir health, taken/being taken in Bombay High filed are as follows :—

(i) Closing of high GOR wells.

(ii) Water shut off jobs.

(iii) Gas shut off jobs.

(iv) Enhancing water injection levels.

This aspect of wells turning sick and being put back on production is kept in view while preparing production plans.