

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF IMPROVED GRADE OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of improved grade of coal during the Eighth and Ninth Plan period;
- (b) the target fixed and achievements made for the production of coal during each of the last three years; and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have regularised the price and distribution of all grades of hard coke and soft coke; and
- (d) if so, since when and the achievements made thereunder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Coking coal and A , B and C grades of non-coking coal are considered superior grades of coal. Production of superior grade coal during 8th and 9th Plan is as under:-

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year Superior grade coal production

1992-1993	117.39
1993-1994	116.77
1994-1995	113.10
1995-1996	117.16
1996-1997	118.21
1997-1998	121.18
1998-1999	111.88
1999-2000	105.24

(b): Target of production is not fixed State-wise. State-wise production for the last three years is as under:-

(Figures in million tonnes)

State 1998-1999 1999-2000 2000-2001 (Provisional)

Andhra Pradesh	27.33	29.56	30.27
Assam	0.64	0.57	0.66
Bihar/Jharkhand	76.16	76.53	75.41
Jammu & Kashmir	0.01	0.03	0.03
M. Pradesh/Chattisgarh	84.94	90.50	92.73
Maharashtra	25.28	27.70	28.75
Orissa	43.51	43.55	44.80
Uttar Pradesh	15.65	13.62	16.86
West Bengal	18.76	17.98	20.09

(c)&(d): The Government has deregulated price and distribution of all grades of coal and coke with effect from 1.1.2000.