

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3298
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PRODUCTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to raise the coal production by Coal India Ltd., to 360 million tonnes in five years;
- (b) if so, whether this target would be achieved with the present level of investment;
- (c) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to achieve the target set for the year 2004-2005;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to involve private parties in the excavation process; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) The production projection of Coal India Limited (CIL) is 350 million tonnes by the end of Xth Plan, i.e. in 2006-07.
- (b) Yes, Sir. The projected plan expenditure of Rs.14310 crores of CIL for Xth Plan period will be met by internal resource generation and external resource mobilisation.
- (c) Does not arise in view of reply above.
- (d & e) A bill has been introduced in Parliament to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act 1973 to provide private investment into the coal sector even for non-captive use. The bill is under consideration of Parliament.