

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4
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PRODUCTION OF GOOD QUALITY COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have a proposal to lay greater emphasis on the production of good quality coal in the underground mines than that of opencast mines;
- (b) if so, the details of the plan of the Government in that regard; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Considering the need to further augment the coal production, Coal India Limited has taken a decision to prepare a time bound action plan for modernising the mining technology in both underground and opencast mines and to implement the same.