

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5340
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WORKING GROUP OF COAL AND LIGNITE
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the working group on Coal and Lignite has estimated that the demand of Coal would be pick up and grow to 453 million tonnes by the second year of the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, whether this estimate will result in an increase in demand for coal to an annual rate of 4.8 percent ;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have examined the report ;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the manner in which projected demand of coal is proposed to be fulfilled ?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Working Group on Coal and Lignite for the Xth Five Year Plan (2002-07) has estimate the demand at 402.84 million tonnes (including middlings) and at 453.29 million tonnes (including middlings) for the second year (2003-04) and the terminal year (2006-07) of Xth Five Year Plan respectively. The increase in demand during the Xth Five Year Plan over the IXth Five Year Plan comes to a compounded annual growth of 5.05%.

(c) and (d) The Government had finalised the report of the Working Group on Coal and Lignite and had submitted the report of the Working Group to the Planning Commission.

(e) The Working Group had proposed to meet the demand of the terminal year of the Xth Five Year Plan (453.29 million tonnes) through a production programme as shown below :

In million tonnes

| Company/Agency | Projected Production |
|---|----------------------|
| of Coal (2006-07) | |
| Coal India Limited | 350.00 |
| Singareni Collieries Company Limited | 36.13 |
| Other Public Sectors (IISCO/DVC/ Jammu and Kashmir/BSMDCL) | |

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|------------------------|--------|
| Private Sector (TISCO) | |
| Captive Mining | 13.60 |
| Meghalaya | - |
| All India - Total | 399.73 |

These projections have since been revised in consultation with the Planning Commission. The revised projections of coal production are as under :

In million tonnes

| Company/Agency | Projected Production |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| of Coal (2006-07) | |

Coal India Limited 350.00
Singareni Collieries Company Limited 36.13
Other Public Sectors (ItSCO/DVC/ 240

Jammu and Kashmir/BSMDCL)

Private Sector (TISCO) 5.24
Captive Mining 6.73
Meghalaya 4.50
All India - Total 405.00