

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

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PRODUCTION OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of coal production consumption and export in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the target fixed for coal production during the said period;
- (c) whether there is any short fall in coal production in the country in comparison to the target fixed;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the steps taken to overcome the shortfall; and
- (f) the details of the plans of the Government to privatise the coal mines presently under its control?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b) The details of target, production, off take and export of coal during the last three years are as under:

(figures in million tonnes)

Year	Target	Production	Off take	Export
1998-1999	306.50	292.27	287.60	0.82
1999-2000	298.90	300.04	304.39	1.16
2000-2001	308.07	309.63	313.49	1.29

- (c) to (e) In 1998-1999, coal companies regulated their production due to sluggish demand and low off take by consumers.
- (f) The government does not have any plans to privatise the existing coal mines of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries.