

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2006
OPENING OF NEW COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new coal mines in various parts of the country to increase coal production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the total investment likely to be required for the purpose;
- (d) the details of sources from which the amount is likely to be mobilized; and
- (e) the time by which new coal mines are likely to commence production?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHIBU SOREN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (e) of the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 2 for 22.11.2006.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, 97 new/expansion coal projects with a capacity of 24 i million tonnes per year in Coal India Limited (CIL) and 41 projects with a capacity of 38 million tonnes per year in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) have been identified to be taken up during the Tenth Five Year Plan period to increase coal production. Details of these projects are indicated in the Annexure.

In addition to this, Coal India Limited has also identified 16 existing projects for increasing coal production to the tune of 71.3 million tonnes per year under Emergency Coal production plan (ECPP).

(c): The total investment in new/expansion projects estimated is Rs.18383.25 crore for CIL projects and Rs.3126.30 crores for SCCL projects.

The total likely investment for increase capacity under ECPP of CIL is Rs. 3783 crores.

(d): The amount required for these projects will be mobilized from the internal and extra budgetary resources of the coal companies.

(e) Normally a project starts giving production in 4-5 years time. During the terminal year of the Tenth Plan (2006-07) the production from 32 coal projects of CIL is expected to be 71.74 million tonnes and from 9 projects of SCCL is 5.285 Million tonnes. The other projects of Tenth Plan will come into production after 2006-07.

The projects under ECPP will contribute 19 million tonnes of coal production in the year 2006-07.