

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPERT COMMITTEE S REPORT FOR RESTRUCTURING OF CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Expert Committee set up for restructuring of the Coal India Ltd. (CIL) has submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the salient feature of the report; and
- (c) the action taken/to be taken by the Government to implement the report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a) Government had set up an Expert Committee for suggesting a Road Map for Coai Sector Reforms which has submitted its final report in September, 2007.

(b) The broad recommendations contained in the report are as follows :

The Committee has recommended to enhance exploration efforts to establish new coal reserves; augment production to match the projected demand in medium & long terms; make fuel supply and transport agreements mandatory for major consumers like power; streamline procedures for environmental, forestry and mining approvals both at Central and State levels in a time bound manner to realise the projected production with strict monitoring mechanism; introduce exploration-cum-mining leasees for coal in line with new exploration licensing policy of oil sector, adopt clean coal technologies at the stage of production and consumption to address the issue of emissions; enhance the delegated powers of PSU Coal Company Boards to facilitate them to take decisions involving higher investment levels; revisit the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes including re-categorisation of forest lands to identify (go` and `no-go` areas; proper mine closure and restoration of mined out areas; instituting a regulatory mechanism for coal sector; restructuring of CIL; review of human resource management in coal sector; improve the productivity of man and machinery with focus on technology up gradation; promotion of underground mining; switch over to GCV based pricing and grading of coal; promote coal washing; rationalise railway tariff; greater emphasis on research and development; promotion of cutting edge technologies like UCG, CBM, CMM, CTL etc.

(c) The recommendations made in the report are under the consideration of Government.