

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:399
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2009
COAL PRODUCTION FROM UNDERGROUND MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase coal production from the underground mines of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the roadmap drawn to augment production of coal from underground mines; and
- (d) the estimated funds likely to be invested for the purpose during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

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

STATEMENT AS MENTIONED IN ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 399 FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2009 ASKED BY SIIRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY REGARDING COAL PRODUCTION FROM UNDERGROUND MINES.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. As per the XI Plan document, CIL plans to increase underground coal production from 43.32 Mts in 2006-07 to 54.56 Mts in 2011-12. Further, as per the report of the High Power Task Force constituted by CIL, underground coal production is proposed to be augmented from the level of 54.56 Mts to 66.63 Mts in 2011-12. Similarly, SCCL has planned construction of 7 underground projects with a capacity of 9.703 Mts during XI Five Year Plan.

(c): To augment coal production from underground mines, CIL has taken the following major steps.

(1) CMPDI was entrusted to prepare an Action Plan for modernization of its existing mines in consultation with subsidiaries. The Action Plan, inter-alia envisages the following major activities:

Introduction of Mass Production & Long wall Technology at suitable locales.

Replacement of manual loading by deployment of SDL/LIID and reorganization of transport system, wherever feasible.

Enhancement of Evacuation capacity by driving additional Shallow and Incline/Drifts.

Deployment of additional Coal Winning equipment.

(2) Seven high capacity Greenfield underground mines have been identified for developing by state of art technology with private public partnership (PPP) on risk gain sharing basis.

(3) 18 abandoned mines with estimated reserves of over 1600 million tonnes of high quality coking coal and thermal coal have been identified for developing under a Joint Venture arrangement with association of global underground mining companies.

(4) CIL constituted a three member High Power Task Force (HPTF) to augment production from its underground mines. The committee has drawn a road map to effect further augmentation from a level of 54.56 Mts to 66.63 Mts i.e. a growth of 12.07 Mts by the terminal year of XI Plan (2011-12).

Apart from construction of 7 (Seven) underground projects with an estimated capacity of 9.703 Mts during XI Five Year Plan, SCCL has requested for allotment of coal blocks outside Godavari Valley Coal Field.

(c) : The estimate funds likely to be invested for the purpose during XI Five Year Plan are 6697.53 Crores both by CIL & SCCL.