

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has exported coal to various countries during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the quantity of coal exported during the said period, year-wise and country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve production and export of coal?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government does not export coal. However, Coal India Limited and others have exported small quantities of coal to neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. While the country-wise details of exports are not available, the year-wise exports of coal during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are given below:

Year      Quantity of coal exported (in Million  
Tonnes)

2006-07      1.554

2007-08      1.627

2008-09      1.410

(Provisional)

(c): Keeping in view the huge demand for coal in the domestic market, the possibility of improving export of coal may not be feasible. However, the following steps have been taken/are being taken to improve production of coal for meeting the indigenous demand:-

- (i) Coal India Limited has been asked to increase production from existing mines and expedite production from new projects.
- (ii) 208 coal blocks have been allotted to different consumers. State and Central Government companies are being allotted Coal mining blocks without restriction of captive mining.
- (iii) exploration for new Coal blocks has been expedited.
- (iv) Procedure for project approvals has been streamlined.
- (v) 141 mining projects are to be taken up during XI Plan for achieving ultimate additional production capacity of 377 MTs with estimated capital investment of about 36,466 Crores. Out of these 141 projects, 54 projects are likely to contribute 102 million tonnes by the terminal year of XI plan i.e. 2011-12.
- (vi) mechanization/modernization of existing mines.
- (vii) Improvement in equipment utilisation.
- (viii) Increasing productivity in underground and opencast mines
- (ix) timely implementation of projects

(x) exploration capacity of CMPDIL being increased from existing 2 Lakh meters per annum to 4 Lakh meters per annum of drilling by end of 11th Plan (2011-12).

(xi) 7 high capacity underground mines have been conceived

(xii) 18 abandoned mines are being revived