

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:473

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PRODUCTION OF COAL

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

- (a) the target set by Coal India Ltd. to produce coal during the current year;
- (b) whether the production of coal is sufficient to meet the requirement of power sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a large quantity of coal remains piled up at pit head or railway sidings due to non-availability of railway wagons for its transportation;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**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 (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question NO. 473 for 28.04.2010

(a): The Coal production target of Coal India Limited (CIL) for the current year i.e. 2010-11 is 460.50 million tones.

(b)&(c): The total coal demand of power utilities during 2010-11 has been estimated at 442 million tones and the indigenous availability would be 388.92 million tones. The gap would be met through planned imports of 35 million tones, as per the target fixed by Ministry of Power, for import by Power Utilities. The indigenous production from CIL sources had been affected primarily due to slow progress of implementation of new coal projects facing problems pertaining to land acquisition and delays in Forestry and Environmental clearances.

(d) to (f): The pithead coal stock with CIL increased to about 63.07 million tones as on 31st March,2010 as against 47.77 million tones as on 31.3.2009, primarily due to less availability of railway rakes for evacuation of coal. The following steps have been taken to liquidate the pithead coal stocks with coal companies of CIL:-

- i) the matter has been taken up at various levels with Ministry of Railways for improving availability of railway wagons
- ii) Railways have been requested to maintain supply of 190 rakes on an average to liquidate pithead stocks
- iii) CIL has been requested to arrange Rail-Coal Interface meeting to chalk out the programme for evacuation of coal during 2010-11, for which a request has been made to Railways.