

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:45

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PRODUCTION OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the current demand and the actual production of coal in the country;
- (b) whether there is shortfall in the production of coal in the country;
- (c) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken to meet the shortfall in the production of coal;
- (d) the fresh initiatives taken by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and its subsidiaries to increase the production of coal in the next three years; and
- (e) the details of external assistance sought 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 (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS MENTIONED IN ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 45 FOR ANSWER ON 28.07.2010 ASKED BY SHRI. AHIR VIKRAMBHAI ARJANBHAI MAADAM, SRRI B.N.PRASAN MAHATO REGARDING PRODUCTION OF COAL.

(a) & (b): Against a projected demand of 604.33 million tonnes of coal as per the annual plan for the year 2009-10 the production has been 532.06 million tonnes (provisional) leaving a gap of 72.27 million tonnes (provisional).

(c) & (d): Apart from initiatives taken by Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to augment production of coal the Government has allotted 208 coal blocks to private/public companies to increase availability of coal. The measures taken by CIL & SCCL to increase production of coal are as follows:

(a) CIL has taken the following measures

- i) Identification of 142 new projects during XI Plan period with the ultimate additional capacity of 380.22 Mt. Out of 142 identified projects, 76 projects have been approved so far and the expected contribution from these new projects will be 110.95 Mt in the terminal year of XI Plan (2011- 12).
- ii) A few high capacity underground mines have been identified for development and operation through the state-of-the-art technology.
- iii) Restart mining operations in some abandoned mines belonging to three of its subsidiaries namely ECL, BCCL and CCL with appropriate technology forming JV with reputed mining companies.
- iv) Acquisition of mining stakes abroad through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) /Coal Videsh W ing of CIL.
- v) Upgradation of equipment size matching with bench height and stripping ratio are being introduced.

(b) SCCL has taken the following measures:

(i) SCCL has taken up 7 projects for underground coal mines with a capacity of 10.369 million tonnes in the XI Plan.

(ii) Similarly SCCL has taken up 16 open cast coal mining projects with a capacity of 28.350 million tonnes in the XI Plan.

(e): The Government has not sought any financial assistance from external sources to increase coal production. However, the coal companies CIL and SCCL have sought external assistance in the following areas:

CIL :

- # Bring in proven technologies and advanced management skills for running UG and OC mines and coal preparation.
- # Locating overseas companies interested in Joint Venture in the field of coal mining with special thrust on coking coal mining.
- # Clean Development Mechanism.
- # Exchange of expertise, knowledge through training, seminars etc.

SCCL :

SCCL has sought the technical expertise of manufacturers of Long Wall equipment abroad for the implementation of new projects to be taken up to produce bulk quantities.

Continuous Miner Projects are in progress in SCCL with technical know-how from abroad.

SCCL is also in receipt of technical advice from CSIRO, Australia in the matter of scientific investigations pertaining to strata control, mine fires, mine ventilation, slope stability in open cast mines etc.