

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL DEPOSITS

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and value of coal deposits currently being explored by CIL and its subsidiaries in various States/U.Ts;
- (b) whether the Government has estimated the demand of coal by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to meet the demand;
- (d) whether the Government is still awarding temporary coal linkage to the companies;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): During the year 2010-11, several blocks of coal resources are under exploration by Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries companies in various States and after conclusion of exploration in these blocks, in different time period, about 22.4 Billion Tonnes of coal resources will be upgraded to proved category At present, no system of working out the value of coal being explored is in vogue.

(b) & (c): As per the Mid Term Appraisal carried out by the Planning Commission, the total demand of coal in the terminal year of Eleventh Five Year Plan period is estimated as 713.24 Million Tonnes and the supply/production is assessed as 600.02 Million Tonnes. The estimated gap of 113.22 Million Tonnes between the projected demand and domestic supply of coal is proposed to be met through imports by the consumers. Following measures have been taken to increase production and to meet the demand of coal:-

- (i) CIL 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) Mechanization/modernization of existing mines.
 - (vi) Improvement in equipment utilisation.
 - (vii) Increasing productivity in underground and opencast mines.
 - (viii) Timely implementation of projects.
 - (ix) Exploration capacity of Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited being increased from existing 2 Lakh meters per annum to 4 Lakh meters per annum of drilling by end of Eleventh Five Year Plan (2011-12).
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.