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DOMESTIC COAL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic coal production in the country is likely to be affected due to non- clearance of 59 coal projects by various agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to get the necessary clearance from various agencies;
- (d) the estimated coal reserves lying in the "No Go" area in forest region; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the domestic production of coal in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present there are 113 proposals that are awaiting Stage-I clearance and 55 are awaiting Stage-II clearance in respect of the project of Coal India Limited (CIL) from forestry angle. This will impact coal production to the extent of 160 million tonnes.

(c): Regular meetings are being held with concerned State and Central authorities. This is a continuous process.

(d): Ministry of Coal has not declared any "Go and No-Go" zones. However, an exercise has been taken up jointly by Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Environment & Forests to superimpose maps of coal bearing areas on maps of forest cover in case of nine coalfields with a view to identify category "A" and category "B" forest areas for coal mining.

(e): Following steps are being taken by CIL to increase coal production:

i) UNDERGROUND

Introduction of Mass Production and Long wall technology.

High wall mining technology is being planned in the mines where geo-mining conditions permit.

Manual loading is being phased out by deployment of SDL/LHD and reorganization of transport system, wherever feasible.

ii) OPENCAST

High capacity equipment matching with bench height and stripping ratio are being introduced. For dumpers, upgradation from 35/50 T to 60 T to 100 T / 120 T and 150 T to 190/240 T are being undertaken. Similar action has been taken for standardization of other HEMM as well.

Thrust on automation and use of IT. Three OITD systems are already in operation and 11 more mines are being equipped with Operator Independent Truck Dispatch System (OITDS).

Maintenance and Repair Contract (MARC) with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) are being introduced.

Tendering for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) has been done for systematized integration & optimization of resources.