

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COAL

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

- (a) the details of `go` and `no go` zones declared by his Ministry for coal production, State-wise;
- (b) whether due to above classification, there would be more than 500 million tonnes of coal shortage in the next few years; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to tackle this shortage of coal?

**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) to (c): Ministry of Coal has not declared any ivGo arid 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 prima-facie `Go` and `No-Go` areas for coal mining. A series of meetings have also taken place in this regard in the Prime Minister's Office and the Planning Commission to arrive at an acceptable criteria to delineate `Go1 and ;No-Go` areas for coal mining. The exercise is in an advanced stage and estimation of impact on production would be premature.