

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEMAND OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) The quantum of coal extracted from coal mines in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) The quantum of coal allotted to different sectors of economy and States during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) Whether shortfall in coal production was noticed in 2010-11 and is likely to witness in the current financial year and the years to come;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith its likely impact on the growth;
- (e) Whether any time bound scheme has been formulated by the Government with a fixed target to meet the demand of coal in the country through indigenously produced coal;
- (f) If so, the details thereof; and
- (g) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of coal in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a)&(b): The state-wise production of coal during the last three years & the current year and State-wise off-take of coal, including raw coal, washed coal and middling for the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 is given at Annexure-I. All India sector-wise coal offtake during last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): The coal production during 2010-11 was 533.076 mt. as against the Annual Plan 2010-11 target of 573.42.mt. The coal production during 2011-12 has been targeted at 559 million tones. Mainly due to excessive delay in obtaining forestry & environmental clearances and due to embargo of Central Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) in nine Coalfields, mining / expansion activities in many new expansion projects were delayed resulting in shortfall in coal production. All out efforts are being made to overcome the constraints to achieve the targets of coal production in coming years.

(e)&(f): In pursuance of the Five Year Plan, Annual Plan document is prepared comprising physical and financial parameters every year. Annual coal production target are fixed depending on coal production capabilities of subsidiaries and demand in consultation with the Planning Commission, CIL subsidiaries companies & other stake holders like Railways, Power Sector, Steel Sector etc.

Based on approved Annual Plan an Annual Action Plan is prepared with month wise break-up of target which is monitored at regular intervals. As per Annual Plan 2011-12, all India demand of coal during the year 2011-12 is assessed to be 696.03 MT against which indigenous supply is planned for 559.00 MT.

(g): The Ministry of Coal has taken steps to expedite Environment & Forestry clearances, pursue with Ministry of Railways for enhancing availability of rail rakes and approach State Government for necessary assistance in land acquisition and in problems relating to law and order. In addition, a series of steps have been taken by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries for augmenting coal production which include (i) increasing the efficiency of the equipments, regular monitoring, mechanization as programmed and strict supervision of the existing mines and ongoing projects.(ii) Capacity addition from new and future projects.(iii) Consistent efforts for resolving issues of environmental & forestry clearances, land acquisition and law and order problems.