

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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MODERN TECHNOLOGY FOR COAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government for the introduction of modern technology in the field of coal production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. identified by the Government for the purpose; and
- (d) the extent to which the introduction of modern technology is likely to boost the underground production of coal in Western Coalfields Ltd.?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No Sir. No proposal is under consideration of the Union Government for the introduction of modern technology in the field of coal production. However, Coal India Ltd., (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL) keep introducing modern technologies as per the requirements from time to time.

(c) & (d) : While the proposed mechanisation in the five mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL) by introducing Continuous Miner technology is expected to increase the production from current level of 1.0 million tonne to 3.62 million tonne in the next 4 to 5 years time, it however does not add to overall increase in the production of WCL due to depletion of reserves and fall in production in other mines.