

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of next five year development plans of his Ministry all over the country; and
- (b) the details of budget that is likely to be required for the same?

Answer

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

(a) The developmental plans of Ministry of Coal for the country during next five years include:

(i) review of the status of reforms carried out in the coal sector;

(ii) make year-wise coal and lignite demand supply plans for the period from 2012 to 2017 based on requirement of the end users etc;

(iii) to enhance the coal production to bridge the perennial demand-supply gap through optimal utilization of resources inter-alia by (a) augmenting exploration programmes by use of latest technologies; (b) exploit the potential of methane content in each coalfield; (c) improve the existing infrastructure for coal movement from collieries as well as ports to consuming centers; (d) enhance use of IT technologies in exploration, production, distribution & transportation of coal and lignite; (e) encourage ecologically sustainable coal production during XII Five Year Plan and (f) acquire and develop coal assets abroad.

(b) As against a capital outlay of Rs.37,100.07 crore approved by the Planning Commission during XI Five Year Plan, a sum of Rs.66,941.51 crore has been proposed as public sector investment for the XII Five Year Plan. While the proposed outlay for Departmental scheme in XII Five Year Plan to be supported through domestic support is Rs.7882.51 crore, the balance amount shall be wholly met by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited.