

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2435
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PRODUCTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coal production has increased during the past few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the rate of increase compared to the Gross Domestic Product during the past three years and the current year;
- (c) the total coal reserves in the country and its quality;
- (d) whether the transportation cost is more for carrying coal to thermal plants situated far off;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to issue captive coal mining licences to shift the transportation cost to mining companies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): Yes Sir, the coal production alongwith its rate of growth and rate of growth of GDP at current prices for the last three years is given below:-

Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Coal Production	492.757	532.042	532.694
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Coal production rate of increase/decrease (%) over previous year	7.8	8.0	0.1
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Growth Rate of GDP at constant prices	6.7	8.4	8.4
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(c): The inventory of geological reserve of coal by type as on 1.4.2011 is as under:-

Type of Coal As on 01.4.2011	Reserve (in million tonnes)			
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	Proved	Indicated	Inferred	Total
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Prime Coking 01.4.2011	4,614	699	0	5,313
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Medium Coking 01.4.2011	12,573	12,001	1,880	26,454
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Blendable / 01.4.2011	482	1,003	222	1,707
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Semi Coking
Non Coking 01.4.2011 96,333 123,768 32,287 252,388
(Including
High Sulpher)

Total 01.4.2011 114,002 137,471 34,389 285,862

(d): Normally the transportation cost is more for carrying coal to thermal plants situated for off.

(e) & (f): There is no such proposal with the Government.