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SHORTAGE OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed and actual production of coal by the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiary companies during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, company-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether there was a shortage in production of coal during the above period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any coal production target for the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government proposes to take to increase the production and meet the targets in the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a): The target fixed and actual production of raw coal of Coal India Limited

(CIL) and its subsidiary companies during the Eleventh Five year Plan, company-wise & year-wise is given annexed.

(b): During the first three years of XIth Plan, Coal India Ltd. (CIL) has achieved almost 99% of target, However, during the year 2010-11, CIL has achieved about 94% of target.

(c): The main reasons for shortfall in achieving growth rate include delay in land acquisition, imposition of restriction of mining in areas having Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) above 70 coupled with delay in environment & forestry clearance of major projects, R&R issues, inadequate availability of railway wagons in different coalfields, law and order problems particularly in Jharkhand & Orissa and excessive rainfall during the current year in major coalfields.

(d) & (e): As per the draft Report of the Working Group on coal and Lignite for formulation of XIth Five Year Plan (2012-17), all India coal production for the year 2016-17 has been projected at 715 million tonnes. Out of which 556.40 million tonnes shall be contributed by CIL, 57 million tonnes by SCCL, 79.60 million tonnes by captive mining and 22 million tonnes by others.

With a view to meet the targets in the 12th Five Year Plan, Govt. shall inter-alia ensure time bound fast track implementation of coal projects, increased production from captive coal blocks, removal of logistic bottlenecks, expeditious Environment & Forestry Clearance, approaching state Govts. for necessary assistance in land acquisition & in problems relating to law & orders etc.