

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4153
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2012
GO AND NO GO ZONE
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvarya Swamy

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent to which the Ministry of Environment and Forests classification of 'go' and 'no go' areas is affecting the coal production in the country;
- (b) whether the 'go' and no go' areas classification is the primary cause for reduction in the production target of 680 million tonnes of coal by 2012; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which the Ministry proposes to address this problem?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) :The extent to which the Ministry of Environment and Forests classification of 'go' and 'no go' areas has affected the coal production in the country has not been assessed, however, it is one of the causes for reduction in the production target of 680 million tonnes of coal by 2012.

(c) : The Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted to consider the Environmental and developmental issues relating to coal mining and other development issues, in its 5th meeting held on 20th September, 2011 has decided to do away with the 'go' and 'no go' concept and consider all cases in merit.³

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Government of India Ministry of Coal CPAM - Section

SUBJECT: LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 4153 FOR 02.05.2012 ASKED BY SHRI N. CHALUVARAYA SWAMY REGARDING 'GO' AND 'NO GO' ZONE

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A draft reply is placed below for approval.