

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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UNDERGROUND COAL MINES

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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of underground and opencast mines operating under the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries along with the annual production of coal in these mines, separately during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the number of underground coal mines has been decreasing over the years;
- (c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the roadmap for augmenting coal production in the underground mines; and
- (e) the investment made/likely to be made for the purpose during the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.