

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4003  
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EAC'S SUGGESTIONS FOR COAL PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisor Council has suggested that state-run miner Coal India should enter into arrangements with the private sector in order to increase coal production in the country;
- (b) if so whether the Ministry of Coal has prepared any plan in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the agreement, if any, signed with the private players; and
- (d) if not, the action taken by the Government on the suggestions made by the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASH BAPU PATIL)

(a)to(d): No such suggestion has been received from the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council in the Ministry of Coal. However, Coal India Limited (CIL), besides taking up coal production through its own resources, has also outsourced some of its operations to increase coal production to meet the present demand. Responsibility of coal production in few mines of CIL, have already been given to few agencies under long term contract through open tender. Further, 27 mines/blocks with a total capacity of 136.48 million tonnes per year, were identified for outsourcing.