

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allot isolated small coal blocks for mining to coal companies of Co-operative Societies and private sector on lease basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the estimated shortage of coal is likely to increase in the country by 2012;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.

(c) & (d): As per the Working Group on Coal and Lignite, the total coal demand in the terminal year of 11th Five Year Plan i.e. 2011-12 is projected at 731.10 MT against the indigenous supply of 680 MT. The supply demand gap, therefore, will be to order of 51.10 MT in the year 2011-12. This comprises of 40.85 MT of coking coal and 10.25 MT of thermal coal.

(e): With a view to augment the supply of coal during the 11th Five Year Plan, the Government have initiated a series of steps including allocation of blocks for captive consumption and implementation of a large number of new projects by coal PSUs. The major coal producer i.e. Coal India Limited (CIL) has envisaged 134 new projects with an ultimate capacity of 367.86 MT (to contribute 102.45 MT during 2011-2012). Similarly, SCCL has envisaged 38 new projects with an ultimate capacity of 55.40 MT (to contribute 8 MT in 2011-12) during the 11th Five Year Plan.