

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF COAL EVACUATION CORRIDORS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up coal evacuation corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which the said corridors are expected to be set-up; and
- (d) the expected impact of the evacuation corridors on the coal supply in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): The following railway infrastructure Projects are being set up for coal evacuation from different coalfields.

1. For South Eastern Coalfields Limited(SECL):-

- (i) East Corridor: Bhupdeopur-Gharghoda-Dharamjaygarh up to Korba, 180 KM(approximately) in length in Chhattisgarh state.
- (ii) East- West Corridor: Gevra Road to Pendra Road via Dipka, Katghora, Sindurgarh, Pasan, 122 KM(approximately) in length in Chhattisgarh state.

2. For Central Coalfields Limited(CCL) :-

- (i) Tori - Shivpur-Kathotia New BG Line, 94 KM(approximately) length in Jharkhand state.

3. For Mahanadi Coalfields Limited(MCL) :-

- (i) Jharsuguda-Barpali-Sardega Rail Link, 53 KM(approximately)length in Odisha state .

These Railway projects will be used to evacuate coal from Trans Mand Coalfield (SECL), Korba coalfields (SECL), North Karpura Coalfields (CCL) and Ib Coalfields (MCL, Sundargarh district) respectively.

(C): The Expected set up date for East Corridor is September, 2017, East-West Corridor is September, 2018, Tori-Shivpur segment is June, 2016 and Jharsuguda-Barpali-Sardega Rail Link is July, 2016.

(d): The estimated quantity of coal to be evacuated is 90 Mty from East Corridor, 50 Mty from East-West Corridor, 70 Mty from Tori-Shivpur-Kathotia BG Line and 70 Mty from Jharsuguda-Barpalli-Sardega rail link.