

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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OUTPUT FROM EXISTING COAL MINES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the output from the existing coal mines will decline over the next five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Coal India Limited (CIL) for alternate arrangements and increase in coal production in the country ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )

(a) & (b) : As per the XII Plan document, the production from the existing- completed category of projects is likely to drop from the present level of 216.95 Mt to 185.54 Mt by the year 2016-17. This is because, a coal project, on being approved, typically starts as an ongoing project, gradually peaks to its maximum capacity within a certain span of time known as development period, sustains a peak production level for a period of time and these gradually tapers out to zero level as the reserves gradually exhaust & finally the mine closed.

(c) : Coal India Limited, (CIL) has already approved 155 projects, with a capacity of about 570 Mty, and that are under different stages of implementation. Contribution from ongoing group of projects is likely to grow from the present level of 232.89 Mt to a level of 333.33 Mt. by 2016-17. Similarly contribution from future group of projects is likely to be about 96Mte by 2016-17.