

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the target set for the production of coal and electricity during the coming five years in the country;
- (b) whether the basic infrastructure like wagons, rakes, railway line capacity etc. are likely to be developed for carrying coal to the destination (power plants) as per the coal production target; and
- (c) if not, the ways in which this target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a): The annual target for overall coal production for 2015-16 has been indicated at 700 Million tonnes. As per information furnished by CEA, the annual Electricity generation target for 2015-16 has been set at 1136 Billion Unit (BU). The Working Group on Coal & Lignite for 12th Five Year Plan had projected the overall coal production to be in the range of 715 Mte. to 795Mte. in 2016-17. As per the 18th Electric Power Survey (EPS) the Electrical Energy Requirement (EER) at power station bus bar in 2016-17 is estimated to reach 1355 BU.

(b)&(c): The focus of the Government is on increasing in domestic production of Coal by facilitating environment & forests clearances, pursuing with State Government for help in expediting land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal and expediting construction of rail infrastructure for coal evacuation. In that regard, three major rail Infrastructure projects, have been undertaken which include: (i) Bhupdeopur-Gharghoda-Dharamjaygarh line (in Chattisgarh) (ii) Tori-Shivpur-Kathotia line (in Jharkhand) and (iii) Jharsuguda-Barpali-Sardega Rail Link (in Jharkhand).