

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of good quality coal especially required by the power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the grade-wise production of coal;
- (c) the share of open cast and underground mines in production of good quality coal; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production from underground mines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a)&(b): The production of coal in the country falls short of the overall demand for coal from various sectors including the power sector. The grade-wise production of coal during 2013-14 is given in the table.

(in Million Tonnes)

Grade - Non Coking Production	
1	6.062
2	0.419
3	5.373
4	19.230
5	13.237
6	20.009
7	35.837
8	28.191
9	57.084
10	55.789
11	125.921
12	51.372
13	74.108
14	4.556
15	3.856
16	3.093
17	4.317
UNG	0.494
Total Non-Coking 508.948	
Total Coking 56.818	
Grand Total 565.766	

Source: Coal Controller Organization

(c): The production of coal from open cast and underground mines during the year 2013-14 was 516.12 Mte and 49.65 Mte respectively with the share being 91.2% and 8.8% respectively.

(d): The steps envisaged by CIL / SCCL to increase coal production from underground mines include: (i) Deployment of Mass Production Technology i.e. use of Continuous Miner in Board & Pillar working and adopting Long Wall Technology at suitable locale where geo-mining conditions permit (ii) Installation of man riding system particularly in arduous/long travelling road mines of CIL to improve effective working hours of underground mines (iii) Up gradation of technology presently in practice in CIL mines including UG mines and further modernization.