

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2715  
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TARGET FOR COAL PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the coal production target set up by the Government within coming five years; and
- (b) the action taken by the Government to bring more transparency in coal allocation to private sector coal operators to avoid corruption?

**Answer**

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

(a): The overall target for coal production for the year 2014-15 was set at 630.25 Million tonnes and has been indicated at 700 Million tonnes for 2015-16.

(b): For management and reallocation of 204 coal mines/blocks cancelled by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Government promulgated "the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014" on 26.12.2014 to ensure smooth transfer of rights, title and interests in the mines/blocks along with its land and other associated mining infrastructure to the new allottees to be selected through an auction or allotment to government company, as the case may be. The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules, 2014 have also been notified on 11.12.2014. The allocation of coal blocks would now be made in pursuance of the provisions of Ordinance and Rules made thereunder. The auction of coal blocks is being carried out in e-auction mode to keep the process transparent.