

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL OUTPUT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether over the last decade coal output has grown at the compounded rate of 5.8 per cent, well short of average nominal 11.8 per cent GDP growth over the same period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has nearly 250 billion tonnes of coal in pits, much of it high in ash content;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the transportation of coal to thermal plants far-away entails high transportation cost;
- (f) if so, whether the Government proposes to issue licenses for coal mining on captive consumption basis to pass on transport cost on mining companies; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per information furnished by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO), Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (old series) grew at 7.5% at constant prices and 14.8% at current prices (nominal) during the last decade (2003-04 to 2013-14). During the same period, coal output grew at 4.6%.

(c)&(d): The total coal reserves in India was 301.56 Billion Tonnes (BT) (as on 1st April 2014). In general, Indian coal is known to have higher ash content.

(e)&(g): Transportation cost depends on distance between Pit-heads and Thermal plants. Transportation of coal to far away Thermal Plants entails higher transportation cost. At present, there is no proposal to issue separate licenses to pass on transport cost on mining companies.