

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4917
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COAL INDIA LIMITED
Misra Shri Ajay (Teni)

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mozambique Production Project is likely to be discontinued due to insufficient coal reserve of Coal India Limited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the coal available in coal blocks in Mozambique is not suitable for use in Indian power plants; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to make alternate arrangements and 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) to (d): Coal India Limited (CIL) had obtained exploration license in Mozambique. However, geological exploration of this block has not been completed. Without exploration and preparation of the Geological Report, any decision about commercial mining and suitability for consumption by Indian power plants cannot be taken.