

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL RESERVES

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total coal reserves in the country and its quality;

(b) whether the coal reserves in the country are depleting fast and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production of coal has increased during the last few years and if so, the details thereof and the rate of increase compared to the Gross Domestic Product during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the coal production in the country including directions to Coal India Limited in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The total estimated quantum of coal resources in the country is 301.56 billion tonnes as per "The inventory of Geological Resources of Indian Coal" (as on 01.04.2014), prepared by the Geological Survey of India (GSI). The quality-wise and category-wise resources is given below :

(Fig. in Million tonnes)

Type Proved Indicated Inferred TOTAL

GONDWANA COAL

Coking 18399.53 13569.17 2101.15 34069.85

Non-coking 106915.60 128837.78 30248.58 266001.96

TERTIARY COAL

High Sulphur 593.81 99.34 799.49 1492.64

TOTAL 125908.94 142506.29 33149.22 301564.45

(b): The total coal extracted from different coalfields of India since 1950 up to 2013-14 is around 12534.97 million tonnes as per GSI inventory and the coal extracted during 2013-14 is 565.64 million tonnes. There are adequate coal resources to meet the demand.

(c): Raw coal production of India and the rate of increase compared to the Gross Domestic product (GDP) during last three years is mentioned below:

Year Production Growth % GDP
(Million in Coal
Tonne)

2014-15 134.40 5.7 NA

(April-June)

2013-14 565.64 1.7 4.7

2012-13 556.40 3.04 4.5

2011-12 539.95 1.37 6.7

(Source: Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) press note dated 30.05.2014)

(d): The Government had taken steps to improve Coal production which include efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances, pursuing with State Government for help in expediting land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal. Steps have been taken by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to augment coal production which includes capacity addition from new projects and use of mass production technologies and stringent monitoring of development of coal blocks.

