

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:329  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2016  
Shortage of Coal  
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) the production, demand and supply of coal by the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries during the last three years and the current year, company and State-wise;
- (b) whether there is shortage of coal in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether CIL is not able to increase its production capacity for meeting the domestic demand of coal and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the coal reserves are getting exhausted in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to meet the demand for coal in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 329 FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2016 ASKED BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COAL.

(a): Demand of coal is not estimated separately for CIL. However, the subsidiary-wise production of coal and off-take by CIL for the last three years and current year are given as under:

( in MT )  
Com. 2016-17  
(APR-OCT) Prov.) 2015-16 2014-15 2013-14  
Prod. Offtake Prod. Offtake Prod. Offtake Prod. Offtake  
ECL 19.586 23.316 40.209 38.607 40.008 38.470 36.054 36.255  
BCCL 19.494 19.126 35.861 36.141 34.514 33.672 32.614 34.200  
CCL 28.119 30.364 61.324 59.582 55.652 55.338 50.022 52.122  
NCL 42.971 44.685 80.224 78.532 72.484 73.693 68.639 72.111  
WCL 17.478 19.448 44.815 42.310 41.147 41.246 39.729 39.945  
SECL 71.113 73.801 137.934 138.748 128.275 123.223 124.261 122.027

MCL 74.680 81.011 137.901 140.234 121.379 123.003 110.439 114.344  
NEC 0.127 0.405 0.486 0.342 0.779 0.732 0.664 0.577  
CIL 273.568 292.156 538.754 534.496 494.238 489.377 462.422 471.581

State- wise coal production of CIL for the last three years and the current year is as below:

( in MT )

STATE 2016-17

(APR- OCT)

(Prov.) 2015-16 2014-15 2013-14

West Bengal 11.691 23.718 21.652 20.430

Jharkhand 55.508 113.675 108.521 98.260

Chhattisgarh 65.334 124.206 115.192 110.143

Orissa 74.680 137.901 121.379 110.439

Madhya Pradesh 43.412 87.892 76.403 73.590

Maharashtra 14.940 38.187 35.354 34.175

Uttar Pradesh 7.876 12.689 14.957 14.721

Assam 0.127 0.486 0.779 0.664

CIL 273.568 538.754 494.238 462.422

(b): There is no reported shortage of coal in the country. The coal stock with Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) as on 01 November 2016 was 19.11 MT (equivalent to 14 days' requirement). Further, the vendible stock with CIL as on 01 November 2016 was 38.59 MT.

(c): Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased its production from 462.41 Mte. in 2013-14 to 538.75 Mte. in 2015-16. The increase of 76 Mte in actual production achieved by CIL in two years is almost 2.4 times more than the cumulative increase in production for the previous 4 years of 31 Mte.

(d): In every year, 3 to 5 billion tonne of coal reserve is being added in Indian Coal inventory as estimated by GSI whereas yearly all India coal production is around 0.7 Bt. There is no possibility of Indian coal resources being exhausted in near future. In order to increase the domestic production of coal to meet the demand from indigenous sources, the Government has taken a number of steps which include efforts to expedite Environment clearances & Forest clearances, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal. A roadmap has been prepared by CIL to substantially enhance production of coal by 2019-20. This includes capacity addition from new projects, use of mass production technologies and identification of existing on-going projects with growth potential.

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