

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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Demand of Coal

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is facing any difficulty to meet the increasing demand of coal across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism for monitoring the production of coal in coal mines and the quantity of coal supplied therefrom; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES
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(a): There is no difficulty to meet the demand of coal across the country. The coal stock with Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) as on 28.02.2017 was 26.15 MT (equivalent to 17 days requirement). Further, the vendible stock with Coal India Limited (CIL) as on 28.02.2017 was 54.85 MT.

(b): The steps taken by the Government to increase the domestic production includes 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. As a result, all India coal production has increased from 565.77 MT in 2013-14 to 639.24 MT (Prov.) in 2015-16.

(c)&(d): A well established mechanism is in place in all subsidiaries of CIL for monitoring the production of coal in coal mines and the quantity of coal supplied therefrom. Further, performance of coal production by the subsidiaries of CIL is being reviewed in the Ministry. To review performance of subsidiaries, a meeting of CMDs' of subsidiaries is held at CIL every month. The performance is also being reviewed in the meeting of Board of Directors of the subsidiaries.

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