

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SCARCITY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India may face acute coal scarcity by 2050;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to have detailed discussions with the States to find out a mechanism to address the issue;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has worked out any strategy or devised any policy to deal with the situation; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken for effective implementation of the policy?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): India has adequate coal reserves for meeting its coal requirements and as such these reserves would be adequate to meet the coal requirement by 2050 at the present scale of demand. However, at the present juncture, the actual production of coal falls short of the overall demand for coal. Therefore, the focus of the Government is to increase coal production to the maximum extent possible by facilitating Environment & Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal. Coal India Limited (CIL) is enhancing production through capacity addition from new projects, use of mass production technologies, and identification of existing ongoing projects with growth potential.