

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production of coal is not commensurate with the consumption/requirement despite the availability of coal reserves in the country as per the sources of the United Nations Energy Information Agency;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) is having monopoly in coal mining and has been functioning in the country for the past decades together and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the above organization transfers dividend to the Government after making profit in the country; and
- (e) if so, the amount of surplus balance in the account of the CIL at the end of March, 2014?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): India has adequate coal reserves for meeting its coal requirements. However, at the present juncture, the actual production of coal falls short of the overall demand for coal as reflected from the fact that the total consumption of coal in 2013-14 was 739.4 Mte., whereas the supply from domestic sources was 571.3 Mte. 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.

(c): Coal India Limited (CIL) is a single largest coal producer and produces around 82% of India's coal and came into being in November, 1975.

(d)&(e): During financial year 2013-14, CIL has paid total dividend amounting to Rs. 18317.46 crores, of which the share of Government of India was Rs. 16485.71 crores. In addition, dividend tax of Rs. 761.99 crores was paid to Government of India leaving a balance of Rs. 2701.43 crores in the profit & loss account at the end of 31st March, 2014.