

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
SHORTAGE OF COAL .

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there would be 20 per cent shortage of coal at the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the production targets of coal in the country are falling by 10 per cent annually: and (
- (c) if so, how the Ministry is planning to address both the issues?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(SRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): As per the Mid-Term Appraisal, the total coal demand at the end of the 11th Five Year Plan may be 713.24 MT. against the domestic coal production of 591.78 MT. (as per latest assessment).

(b): No Sir. The coal production target for last three years are given below:-

(in million tones)

Target	Target	Target
2008-09 (BE)	2009-10 (BE)	2010-11 (BE)
497.29	532.33	572.37

(c): With a view to augment production of coal the Government has, interalia, allotted 208 coal blocks to private/public companies to add new capacity in the coal sector, CIL has initiated a series of measures in this regard which include :-

Identification of 142 new projects during XI Plan period, with an ultimate capacity of 380.22 MT. Out of 142 identified projects, 76 projects have been approved so far, and the expected contribution from these new projects will be 110.95 MT in the terminal year of XI Plan (2011-12). A few high capacity underground mines have been identified for development and operation through the state-of-the-art technology. Restart mining operations in some abandoned mines belonging to three of its subsidiaries namely ECL, BCCL, and CCL with appropriate technology forming JV with reputed mining companies. Acquisition of mining stake abroad through SPV/Coal Videsh wing of CIL. Upgradation using higher capacity equipment matching with bench height and stripping ratio.