

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3523
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2017**

Self sufficiency in coal production

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether roadmap has been prepared by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) to enhance production of coal to meet the domestic demand if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of capacity addition from new projects and use to mass production technologies using latest technology; and**
- (c) by when India will be self-sufficient in coal production, except for the use of blending coal by power plants designed on imported coal?**

ANSWER

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

(a): An exercise has been carried out to prepare a roadmap for achieving 1 Billion Tonne (Bt) coal production by the year 2019-20 keeping in view the future demand of the country. So far mines/projects, to produce about 908.10 Million Tonne (Mt) by 2019-20, have been identified.

(b): As many as 65 new projects with an estimated capacity of 303 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) have been identified for taking up. Out of these, 18 projects, having an capacity of 119.29 mtpa, have been approved. From the identified 65 projects, 6 underground projects, having a capacity of 9.14 mtpa, are planned with Mass Production Technology (MPT). MPT / high capacity equipment are also proposed in most of the high capacity opencast mines.

(c): Even after significant enhancement in production from domestic sources, the availability of coking coal from domestic sources is limited and the same needs to be imported. However, import of thermal coal is planned to be done away with particularly for power sector in line with the envisaged enhancement in domestic coal production.

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