

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1177
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2018**

Acute shortage of coal

**1177. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of coal in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made to increase coal production in the country by opening new mines;
- (c) by when the demand-supply mismatch of coal would be over;
- (d) whether the Ministry is giving priority to supplying of coal to thermal power stations in view of their critical requirements; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL & FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a). No Sir. The CIL coal production has increased by 105 MT (approx) during the last four years as compared to an increase of 31 MT (approx) during the period of 2010-11 to 2013-14 (4 years). Similarly offtake of coal from CIL has increased by about 109.12 MT during the last four years as compared to an increase of about 55.04 MT during the period of 2010-11 to 2013-14 (4 years).

(b). The opening of coal mines is a continuous activity which is undertaken regularly to meet the increasing demand of coal in the economy.

Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries have planned upcoming Greenfield projects as under:

SL	Sub.	State	Coal Field	Project	Type	Peak Rated Capacity (Million Tonnes/year)
1	ECL	JHARKHAND	RAJMAHAL	HURA C OCP	OC	3
2	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	CIC	KETKI	UG	0.42
3	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	CIC	JAGANNATHPUR	OC	3
4	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	CIC	MADAN NAGAR	OC	12
5	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	SENDURGARH	VIJAY WEST	OC	3

6	SECL	MADHYA PRADESH	CIC	AMRITDHARA OC	OC	2
7	SECL	MADHYA PRADESH	CIC	MALACHUA	OC	3
8	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	KRB	SARAIPALI	OC	1.4
9	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	KRB	KARTALI EAST	OC	2.5
10	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	RAI	PELMA	OC	15
11	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	RAI	BIJARI	OC	1.5
12	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	RAI	DURGAPUR OC	OC	6
13	SECL	MADHYA PRADESH	CIC	BATURA	OC	2
14	MCL	ORISSA	IB VALLEY	GARJANBAHAL OCP	OC	10
15	MCL	ORISSA	IB VALLEY	SIARMAL OCP	OC	40
				TOTAL		104.82

Also, under Coal Mines Special Provision Act, 2015, 84 coal mines have been allocated. Further, directions have been issued to the Nominated Authority for allocation of 27 more coal mines (06 coal mines for the end use 'Production of Iron and Steel, 13 coal mines for the end-use 'Iron & Steel, Cement and Captive Power plants {excluding steel (coking)}' 02 coal mines for State Government Company or Corporation for sale of coal, 06 coal mines for the purpose of own consumption for power).

(c) to (e): There is a gap between demand and domestic supply of coal which cannot be bridged completely as there is insufficient availability of coking coal and power plant designed on imported coal will continue to import coal for their production. However, for the Financial Year 2018-19, Ministry of Power has projected annual domestic coal requirement 615 MT (525 MT from Coal India Limited, 53 MT from Singareni Collieries Company Limited and 37 MT from Captive mines). This requirement is being met by supply of coal from domestic sources. Due to these efforts of enhanced domestic coal supply to power plants, the coal import by power plants has reduced from 80.58 MT in 2015-16 to 56.41 MT in 2017-18.
