

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.835
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022**

New Coal mines

835. SMT GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of **COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified new coal mines in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the process of coal production has been started from these mines;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) Whether the percentage of average coal production in the country will increase with functioning of these mines and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL, MINES & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

- (a) Identification of new coal mines by Government is a continuous process and the newly identified coal mines are allocated under the provisions of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 [MMDR Act]. Since 2015, 18 newly identified coal mines have been allocated by Central Government to various Government and private companies under the provisions of MMDR Act.
- (b) Coal production from the above-mentioned 18 coal mines has not started so far.
- (c) In view of reply to (b) above, question does not arise.
- (d) Out of the above-mentioned 18 coal mines, approved mining plan is not available for 11 coal mines for assessment of peak rated capacity. For, the remaining 7 coal mines, the cumulative peak rated capacity is 41.87 Million Tonnes Per Annum. Once the above-mentioned 18 coal mines will become functional and attain their peak rated capacity, the percentage of average coal production will definitely increase.
