

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2920
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

Zero emission target

2920. SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has laid out plans to reduce dependency on coal as part of the net zero emission target by 2070, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken into account the local communities that are heavily dependent on coal or other fossil fuels when India reduces its dependency on them; and
- (c) if so, Government's plan to do about these communities?

Answer

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

(a)to (c): Through Panchamrit Declaration during COP26, India has set timeline for attaining non-fossil energy capacity of 500 GW by 2030 and also to meet 50% of its energy requirement from renewable energy by 2030. In line with 'Glasgow Climate Pact', while India has committed to clean energy; the pace of transition to cleaner energy sources in India is to be viewed in the light of national circumstances, and principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, the transfer of climate finance and low cost climate technologies.

Being an affordable source of energy with substantial reserve, coal is going to stay as a major source of energy in the foreseeable future. Thus, as of now there is no scenario of transition away from coal affecting the workers involved in coal mining.
