#### MINISTRY OF COAL RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1157 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

## Coal production in the country

# 1157 # Shri Narhari Amin:

### Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal production has registered a new record and witnessed the highest production ever in the country this year;

(b) if so, the percentage increase in the production of coal in this financial year;

(c) the name of States that have reported a rise in the production of coal;

(d) the name of States which have registered a fall in the production of coal; and

(e) whether increase in coal production will reduce dependence on imported coal, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): The country has witnessed the highest ever coal production in the Year 2022-23. The all India coal production in the year 2022-23 was 893.19 Million Tonne (MT) (Provisional) in comparison to 778.21 MT in the year 2021-22 with a growth of about 14.77%.

(c): Rise in the production of coal has been reported in the States of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal in the year 2022-23 in comparison to the previous year.

(d): Fall in the production of coal has been reported in the State of Jammu & Kashmir in the year 2022-23 in comparison to the previous year.

(e): Most of the requirement of coal in the country is met through indigenous production / supply. The focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal and to eliminate non-essential import of coal in the country. Increase in domestic production of coal will eliminate non-essential import of coal and can reduce dependence on imported coal in the country.