

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1960  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

**Lack of adequate coal storage facilities**

**1960 Shri Mohammed Nadimul Haque:**

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

(a) whether the stock of extracted coal in the mines are adequate and higher than the previous five years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether there is a lack of adequate storage facilities for extracted coal in the mines, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this would pose risks of self combustion of coal and fire hazards, if so, the steps taken for its prevention; and

(e) whether Government had to curtail production in mines due to shortage of storage space, if so, the details thereof?

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

**(a) & (b):** Coal stock at the coal mines vary on the basis of coal production and dispatches. Coal stock at Coal India Limited (CIL) & Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) pithead as on 31<sup>st</sup> March of the last five years and as on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 is as under:

**Figures in Million Tonne (MT)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24* (till 31<sup>st</sup> July)</b>
CIL	54.15	74.89	99.13	60.85	69.33	52.03
SCCL	1.609	3.189	5.255	4.712	5.148	3.912

\* Provisional

**(c) to (e):** There has been no curtailment of coal production due to shortage of storage space as adequate storage facilities for extracted coal are available in the

mines and new coal storage space is created as and when required. In order to prevent self-combustion / spontaneous heating, coal offtake is planned by the coal companies accordingly. In addition to this, sufficient preventive measures are taken and fire-fighting arrangements are available in the mines to deal with such hazards.

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