

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 207
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Challenges regarding coal transportation

207 Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) the steps being undertaken by Government to address the issue of coal transportation amidst rising demands;
- (b) whether Government is planning to improve the coal transportation infrastructure in the region of coal mining areas to facilitate better connectivity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
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(a) to (c): Ministry of Coal has recently launched Coal Logistics Policy and Integrated Coal Evacuation Plan to address the issue of coal transportation amidst rising demands. The Government has planned to address the issue of coal transportation through construction of New Railway Lines and capacity augmentation of railway network, First Mile Connectivity (FMC) Projects, Rail Connectivity projects and Railway Sidings. These evacuation facilities/infrastructures are planned in line with country's long term production projection.

14 rail projects have been taken up for implementation for improving coal evacuation. Out of these, 5 rail lines have already been commissioned and other are at various stages of construction.

In addition to above, Ministry of Railways has planned several rail projects under Green Energy Corridor Projects, High-density network Projects and Rail Sagar Projects. In addition, coastal shipping and inland waterways are also being promoted for coal evacuation.
