

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF COAL**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1797**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

**Inclusion of Coal Unions in just energy transition deliberations**

**1797 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken to incorporate the views of coal union leaders and workers in shaping country's just energy transition policy;
- (b) whether Government has initiated consultations with major Coal Unions to ensure an inclusive and equitable transition process;
- (c) the measures proposed to raise awareness among coal workers and unions about the concept of a just transition; and
- (d) the timelines for implementing policies to address the social and economic challenges faced by coal sector workers during the transition?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a):** India is currently augmenting its coal production to meet the increasing energy needs of the country. The total coal consumption in India has not yet peaked, and as per the Economic Survey 2022-23, coal production is projected to reach approximately 1500 million tonnes (MT) by 2030 from 997.83 MT in the year 2023-24. Coal demand is expected to continue rising and may peak around 2040. No operating coal mine is planned for closure in the foreseeable future. Therefore, as of now, there is no scenario of transition away from coal that would impact stakeholders involved in coal mining. Thus, there is no coal transition happening in the country in the short and medium terms. Accordingly, no consultation on Just Energy Transition Policy in relation to coal is going on.

**(b), (c) and (d):** Does not arise.

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