

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1635**  
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**COAL EVACUATION AND PRODUCTION OPTIMIZATION**

1635 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed project-wise bottlenecks affecting coal evacuation from mines adjoining the Bihar–Jharkhand region;
- (b) steps taken to expand mechanised loading, first-mile connectivity and dedicated railway corridors;
- (c) whether new washeries are being planned; and
- (d) Details of funds sanctioned for production modernisation during the last two years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The Ministry of Coal had launched the Integrated Coal Logistics Plan and Policy on 29th February 2024, wherein project-wise origin-destination (OD) mapping along with bottlenecks for coal evacuation from mines adjoining the Bihar-Jharkhand region were also assessed.

(b): 139 first-mile connectivity projects with a capacity of 1,319 MT towards mechanised loading have been taken up. Out of these, 65 projects having a capacity of 552 MT have been commissioned and the remaining are at various stages of implementation with the following cumulative capacity timelines:

FY 2025-26: 662 MT  
FY 2026-27: 779 MT  
FY 2027-28: 998 MT  
FY 2028-29: 1253 MT  
FY 2029-30: 1319 MT

8 Railway projects were taken up through funding by Coal PSUs. Out of these, 5 projects have been commissioned and the remaining 3 projects are scheduled to be completed by FY 2027-28. Additionally, 33 critical railway projects are being taken up by funding from the Ministry of Railways as critical projects for future coal evacuation.

(c) Coal India Limited is setting up 8 new coking coal washeries with capacity of 21.5 MT and 7 new non-coking coal washeries with a capacity of 58 MT.

(d) Rs. 24,317 crores (during FY 2023-24) and Rs. 22,527 crores (during FY 2024-25) were incurred towards capex by Coal PSUs for the purpose of production related works including modernisation.

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