

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
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EXPANSION OF COAL MINING IN THE NORTH EAST REGION

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

- (a) the objectives and expected contribution of the Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine towards enhancing energy security and local development in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) the estimated reserves and annual revenue expected from the mine, and the employment opportunities generated locally;
- (c) the measures taken to ensure ecological balance and community participation in mining activities under Mission Green Coal Regions;
- (d) the manner in which this project supports the Government's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and inclusive regional development in the North East Region (NER)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL & MINES

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)& (b) Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine will contribute significantly towards Arunachal Pradesh's energy security by contributing 0.2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of coal. This steady supply will help meet the state's energy demands more reliably. This Mine has estimated geological reserves of 14.97 MT. This mine will generate an annual revenue of Rs 173 crore and would provide employment to around 270 people.

(c) Under Mission GREEN (Grow, Restore, Enrich and Empower Nature) Coal Regions, Coal and Lignite Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), namely Coal India Limited (CIL), NLC India Limited (NLCIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), have undertaken a series of measures aimed at ensuring ecological balance and strengthening community participation in coal and lignite mining regions. The Mission outlines a five-year vision to convert post-mining and other suitable areas into sustainable ecosystems. To maintain ecological balance, the Mission focuses on extensive afforestation and ecological restoration in and around mining areas, promotion of renewable energy, sustainable mine-water utilization, and adoption of circular resource management practices. Initiatives such as mine-based tourism and green-economy models are also being advanced to diversify local

economies in an environmentally responsible manner. Community participation forms a core component of Mission GREEN. Efforts include engagement of local communities and self-help groups (SHGs) in sustainable development activities. For effective implementation, the Ministry of Coal has also constituted a committee for regular monitoring of the Mission GREEN Coal Regions.

(d) This project aligns with the Government of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by reducing dependence on imported coal, thereby supporting self-reliance in energy production. The development of the mine will also catalyze significant investments in supporting infrastructure such as transportation and logistics, which in turn will create extensive employment opportunities. This integrated development approach will promote inclusive growth and economic integration in the North Eastern region.
