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CONTINUOUS INCREASING DEMAND FOR COAL SUPPLY

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the demand for coal supply to boost energy production is continuously increasing;
- (b) the quantity of coal allocated to various States of the country, particularly the State of Rajasthan, during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government is planning to develop new mines to increase domestic coal production; and
- (d) the alternative arrangements being made to avoid coal shortage in power plants?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES
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(a): Most of the demand of coal in the country is met through indigenous production. The actual demand for coal increased to 1268.88 Million Tonnes (MT) in 2024-25 from 1237.54 MT on 2023-24. During 2024-25, the domestic coal production increased by 4.99% to reach 1047.67 MT from 997.83 MT in 2023-24. Coal consumption by coal-based thermal power plants in the country has increased from 614.2 MT in 2020-21 to 880.4 MT in 2024-25, registering a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 9.4%.

(b): Details of State-Wise Coal dispatch during the last five years is at Annexure.

(c): To increase the domestic coal production, Coal India Limited (CIL) is developing 11 coal projects in the next few years. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has planned to open 5 new mines and carry out expansion of the two existing mines. Apart from this, the Government has also taken steps to operationalize captive/ commercial coal blocks. At present, out of 210 allocated captive/ commercial coal blocks, 64 blocks have started production while 10 blocks and 11 blocks respectively are expected to commence production in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28.

(d): The coal stock available at domestic coal-based power plants in the country was 53.3 MT as on 16.03.2026, which is sufficient to run these plants at 85% PLF (plant load factor) for about 18 days at

present rate of consumption. As such, there is no coal shortage at the power plants in the country. Further, a coal stock of approximately 123.2 million tonnes (MT) is available at mine end of CIL as on 12.03.2026. In addition to this, around 3.9 MT of coal is in transit (including Private Washeries, Goods Sheds (GSS) and Ports).

Further, considering the demand projected by the Ministry of Power and to ensure uninterrupted supply of coal, the following measures have been taken to augment coal dispatch and for monitoring of coal supply to the power sector:

- Additional coal supplies through road mode are offered wherever constraints exist in rail movement due to route congestion or non-availability of rakes.
- Continuous monitoring of plant-wise coal stock levels is undertaken on a real-time basis and corrective dispatches are being arranged, wherever required.
- Close coordination with the Ministry of Railways is maintained to ensure assured rake availability and smooth transportation of coal.
- Weekly Sub-Group meetings, comprising representatives from the Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), and Railways, are being held to review coal dispatch to the power sector.

ANNEXURE

The details of State-Wise Raw Coal Dispatch during the last five years is given below: -

(in Million Tonnes)

State	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Andhra Pradesh	23.48	9.74	42.13	46.97	48.55
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assam	0.92	2.36	2.53	3.13	2.61
Bihar	22.11	29.61	27.33	38.64	41.87
Chhattisgarh	120.14	125.34	109.20	134.92	155.53
Delhi	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.83	0.02
Gujarat	10.75	20.36	17.54	20.23	23.02
Haryana	8.31	14.51	18.84	19.77	20.10
Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.23	0.09	0.06	0.24
Jammu & Kashmir	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	42.12	47.89	50.29	50.92	58.79
Kerala	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.02
Karnataka	9.43	18.22	19.61	27.24	25.50
Maharashtra	61.88	82.63	94.29	98.13	99.08
Meghalaya	0.40	0.35	0.23	0.30	0.58
Madhya Pradesh	81.37	90.50	93.05	101.90	102.61
Odisha	89.41	96.97	91.67	106.08	117.02
Punjab	10.72	15.91	23.32	22.67	21.76
Rajasthan	11.23	15.09	24.78	30.37	27.10
Tamilnadu	17.00	27.49	30.80	30.36	31.57
Telangana	30.13	38.16	39.23	42.94	43.26
Uttar Pradesh	81.76	92.01	100.19	109.81	116.98
Uttarakhand	0.55	0.58	0.49	0.59	0.84
West Bengal	46.24	48.08	51.12	68.86	70.24
Others	22.87	43.09	40.55	18.27	18.01
Total	690.88	819.21	877.37	973.01	1025.33