

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 329
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/12/2016

Shortage of Coal

*329. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the production, demand and supply of coal by the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries during the last three years and the current year, company and State-wise;
- (b) whether there is shortage of coal in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether CIL is not able to increase its production capacity for meeting the domestic demand of coal and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the coal reserves are getting exhausted in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to meet the demand for coal in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR COAL,
POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 329 FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2016 ASKED BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COAL.

(a): Demand of coal is not estimated separately for CIL. However, the subsidiary-wise production of coal and off-take by CIL for the last three years and current year are given as under:

(in MT)

Com.	2016-17 (APR-OCT) Prov.)		2015-16		2014-15		2013-14	
	Prod.	Offtake	Prod.	Offtake	Prod.	Offtake	Prod.	Offtake
ECL	19.586	23.316	40.209	38.607	40.008	38.470	36.054	36.255
BCCL	19.494	19.126	35.861	36.141	34.514	33.672	32.614	34.200
CCL	28.119	30.364	61.324	59.582	55.652	55.338	50.022	52.122
NCL	42.971	44.685	80.224	78.532	72.484	73.693	68.639	72.111
WCL	17.478	19.448	44.815	42.310	41.147	41.246	39.729	39.945
SECL	71.113	73.801	137.934	138.748	128.275	123.223	124.261	122.027
MCL	74.680	81.011	137.901	140.234	121.379	123.003	110.439	114.344
NEC	0.127	0.405	0.486	0.342	0.779	0.732	0.664	0.577
CIL	273.568	292.156	538.754	534.496	494.238	489.377	462.422	471.581

State- wise coal production of CIL for the last three years and the current year is as below:

(in MT)

STATE	2016-17 (APR- OCT) (Prov.)	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
West Bengal	11.691	23.718	21.652	20.430
Jharkhand	55.508	113.675	108.521	98.260
Chhattisgarh	65.334	124.206	115.192	110.143
Orissa	74.680	137.901	121.379	110.439
Madhya Pradesh	43.412	87.892	76.403	73.590
Maharashtra	14.940	38.187	35.354	34.175
Uttar Pradesh	7.876	12.689	14.957	14.721
Assam	0.127	0.486	0.779	0.664
CIL	273.568	538.754	494.238	462.422

(b): There is no reported shortage of coal in the country. The coal stock with Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) as on 01 November 2016 was 19.11 MT (equivalent to 14 days' requirement). Further, the vendible stock with CIL as on 01 November 2016 was 38.59 MT.

(c): Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased its production from 462.41 Mte. in 2013-14 to 538.75 Mte. in 2015-16. The increase of 76 Mte in actual production achieved by CIL in two years is almost 2.4 times more than the cumulative increase in production for the previous 4 years of 31 Mte.

(d): In every year, 3 to 5 billion tonne of coal reserve is being added in Indian Coal inventory as estimated by GSI whereas yearly all India coal production is around 0.7 Bt. There is no possibility of Indian coal resources being exhausted in near future. In order to increase the domestic production of coal to meet the demand from indigenous sources, the Government has taken a number of steps which include efforts to expedite Environment clearances & Forest clearances, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal. A roadmap has been prepared by CIL to substantially enhance production of coal by 2019-20. This includes capacity addition from new projects, use of mass production technologies and identification of existing on-going projects with growth potential.

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