GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2679 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1/12/2016

Requirement of Coal

2679. SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH: SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment has been made by the Government regarding the annual requirement of coal in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for next two years and the current year, State/Union territory-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to augment the production of coal to meet the domestic demand?

Answer

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a)&(b): Niti Aayog carries out an annual assessment of requirement of coal for the country. This assessment has been done for the period upto 2016-17 wherein the demand for coal has been assessed at 884.87 MT. The demand of coal is not estimated separately for State/Union territory.
- (c): The steps taken by the Government to increase the domestic production includes 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.