GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3543 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2017

Target for Production of Coal

3543. SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the targets fixed for coal production by the Coal India Limited (CIL) during the year 2016-17 are likely to be achieved by the end of the financial year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): As per Annual Plan 2016-17 of Ministry of Coal, the target of coal production of Coal India Limited (CIL) was fixed at 598.61 Mte. Against this target, CIL produced 488.06 Mte. during April 2016 – February 2017 which is 91 % of the annual target. However, sufficient coal is available and there is no reported shortage of coal.

(c): In the beginning of the year 2016-17, Thermal Power Plants had coal stock available with them and they preferred to use the coal stock available with them for generation of power instead of taking fresh coal supply from coal companies. This affected the demand of coal. On the supply side, problems in expanding the capacity arising from difficulties in land acquisition, R&R, geo-mining conditions, Law and order condition in some areas have also been significant constraining factors in some smajor coalfields.
