

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2017

Coal Reserves

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Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of coal reserves in the country;
- (b) the average consumption of coal per year during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to find out the alternative sources of energy so that the consumption of coal could be reduced?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER , NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): The inventory of Geological Resources of Indian Coal (as on 01.04.2016) , prepared by the GSI on the basis of resources estimated by CMPDI,MECL, GSI, SCCL and some Private/Public Entrepreneurs up to the maximum depth of 1200 metre is around 308.80 billion tonne.

(b) : The consumption of coal for the last three years and current years is as under:

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 Till Jan 2017 (Provisional)
Consumption of coal including imports (million tonne)	738.92	821.55	832.05	691.53

(c): The Government has up-scaled the target for overall renewable energy capacity by more than 5 times to **175 GW by the year 2022** which includes 100 GW from solar, 60 GW from wind, 10 GW from bio-power and 5 GW from small hydro-power.