

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2705
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

Revenue in Coal Sector

2705: SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the revenues in the coal sector have drastically fallen in the current fiscal year due to low demand;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to allow commercial mining of coal in the country, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is working towards finding alternate uses of coal as demand from the power sector wanes, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government will consider using coal to make fertilizers and methanol like China or/and to make oil and chemicals like South Africa, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): No Madam. Figures of the Net sales and Off-take in respect of Coal India Limited (CIL) are as follows:

	Half Year ended 30.09.2017	Half Year ended 30.09.2016
Net Sales (Rs. In Crores)	37288.97	35822.84
Off-take (Million Tonnes)	269	249.11

(b): The methodology for auction of coal mines / blocks for sale of coal under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) & (d) : CIL is exploring alternative uses of coal. CIL, through a Joint Venture with GAIL, Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers Limited (RCF) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCL), is involved in a venture to set-up a coal based fertilizer plant at the site of the defunct Talcher unit of FCIL. This is in line with approval of CCEA, whereby revival of the Talcher unit of FCIL was awarded to a consortium of CIL, GAIL, RCF and FCIL on nomination basis. Also, CIL is exploring techno-commercial feasibility of production of methanol and other chemicals. These initiatives are under feasibility study stage at present.
