

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 894
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

Coal Demand

894. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, India will hit peak coal demand faster than expected; and
- (b) if so, the manner in which the Ministry is planning to match or balance the demand and supply ratio?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND RAILWAYS
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(a)&(b): There is no official report regarding coal hitting peak demand faster than expected. As per the Report of the Working Group on Coal & Lignite for formulation of 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17), the total coal demand projection was assessed at 1373 MT for 2021-22 against which the domestic production is expected to reach a level of 950 MT on a business as usual basis and 1102 MT on optimistic basis. The gap between All India Coal Demand and indigenous supply is envisaged to be met through coal imports by consuming sectors. For meeting future demand of coal, CIL has prepared a roadmap for achieving a coal production level of 1 Billion Tonnes. CIL has identified mines with a production capacity of 908.10 MT so far.

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