

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.320
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

Requirement of Coal

***320. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the total annual requirement of coal in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any targets for coal production in the country in order to meet the shortfall and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to increase the production of coal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 320 FOR ANSWER ON 02.01.2019 BY SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL REGARDING “REQUIREMENT OF COAL”.

(a)&(b): NITI Aayog assesses requirement of coal for the country. However, State/UT wise requirement of coal is not assessed. The all India demand of coal estimated by NITI Aayog during last three years is given below:-

(in Million Tonnes)

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Estimated coal Demand/Requirement	822.36	884.87	908.40

(c): Ministry of Coal has fixed all India target of coal production at 700 MT 724.71 MT and 730.10 MT for the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively.

(d)&(e): There has been a consistent effort to increase domestic coal production. The all India raw coal production has increased from 565.77 MT in 2013-14 to 676.48 MT in 2017-18. Absolute increase in all India coal production from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (four years) is 110.71 MT as compared to increase of coal production of 33.73 MT from 2009-10 to 2013-14 (four years).

Coal India Limited (CIL) has also increased its production from 462.41 MT in 2013-14 to 567.36 MT in 2017-18 (four years), an absolute increase of 105 MT as compared to increase of coal production of 31.15 MT between 2009-10 and 2013-14 (four years).

Further, in the current year during April-November, 2018, all India coal production was 433.90 MT with a growth rate of 9.8% and coal production of CIL was 358.32 MT with a growth rate of 8.8% over the corresponding period of previous year.

The focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal. To achieve the production targets, the Environment & Forest clearances of the mine projects are being expedited, assistance of the concerned state governments is regularly taken in land acquisition. The rail projects and other ancillary projects are under progress for evacuation of coal.
