

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018

Production of Coal

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has asked Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to speed up the production of coal to meet the demands of indigenous industries/sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action contemplated by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries in this regard;
- (c) the details of sectors which are facing shortage of coal in the country; and
- (d) the steps Union Government has taken or proposes to take to meet the production of coal indigenously without importing the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND RAILWAYS
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b):As a short term measure, Coal India Limited (CIL) has been asked to take steps for enhancing coal production during the remaining period of FY 2018-19. Various measures have been taken by CIL and subsidiaries to achieve the same which include. (i) Expediting finalization and operationalization of coal and OBR contracts (ii) Re-deployment of HEMM in OC mines. (iii) High capacity mines are being planned with deployment of high capacity / high productivity equipment in OC & UG mines of CIL. (iv) For increase in productivity of mines, mass production technology is being used.

(c):Coal India Limited had a vendible stock of 22.93 Million tonnes as on 15.12.2018. Due to increased supply to Power Plants, coal based Power generation during the period of April-November 2018 has been 99.16 % of program with a growth of 5.5 % over the generation in the corresponding period of last year. As a result of the initiatives taken by the Ministry and CIL, the stock at Power House end has improved to 15.52 MT as on 16.12.2018 and is likely to improve further.

Alongside the increase in stock at the power house end, on movement of coal through rail mode to non-regulated sector has improved progressively from 8.3 rakes/ day in October 2018 to 13.8 rakes/day in November 2018 and further to 22.3 rakes/day (up to 11th December 2018).

(d):There has been a consistent effort to increase domestic coal production so as to reduce dependence on coal imports. 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 which includes efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

However, coking coal will continue to be imported as there is limited availability of coking coal in the country. Further, power plants designed on imported coal will also continue to import coal.

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