

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2510
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018

Profitability of Coal Mines

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the performance and profitability of coal mines in the country and if so, the names of the coal mines which are running in profit/losses;
- (b) the details of the coal mines which are likely to be closed down after completion of the extraction work and the total decline registered in coal production due to abandoning/closing down of these coal mines along with the estimated loss to be incurred thereby in future;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make good/compensate the losses/ shortages in the coal production;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the exploration and operation of small/closed/abandoned coal mines and new mining regions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to increase domestic coal production and reduce the import of coal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (d): The Ministry of Coal, Government of India formulated two scheme for the exploration i.e. (i) Promotional (Regional) Exploration (ii) Detailed Drilling in Non-CIL blocks. The fresh coal resources and in turn new mining regions are identified by Promotional/ Regional exploration, followed by Detailed Drilling. The year wise drilling in coal through Promotional (Regional) Exploration and Detailed Drilling under Ministry of Coal are given below:

Figures in lakh Meter

Item	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19(up to November, 2018)
Promotional(Regional) Exploration	1.39	1.12	1.05	1.35	0.81
Detailed Drilling	2.82	2.87	3.09	4.86	3.24

(e): 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.

Several steps have been taken by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to augment coal production which includes capacity addition from new projects, capacity enhancement of existing mines, use of mass production technologies and exploration for new Coal blocks.

The focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal which includes efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances, 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.
