

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1818  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019

Demand and Supply of Coal

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge gap between demand and supply of coal in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any Action Plan to deal with the said situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a)&(b):** Demand of coal is higher than the current level of supply of coal in the country. During the year 2017-18, as against a total actual demand of coal of 899.69 MT, the domestic supply was 691.42 MT.

**(c)&(d):** 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 an increase of coal production of 33.73 MT between 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-January, 2019, all India coal production was 568.40 MT with a growth rate of 7.9% and coal production of CIL was 469.65 MT with a growth rate of 6.6% over the corresponding period of previous year.

In order to augment supply, a total of 85 coal blocks has been allotted under CM(Special Provision Act, 2015) so far.

Further, 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.