

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Availability of Coal Reserves in the Country

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of coal reserves available in the country at present;
- (b) the quantum of coal in tonnes produced by the Coal India Limited (CIL) during each of the last three financial years;
- (c) the quantum of coal in tonnes imported in the country during the last three financial years; and
- (d) the details of the special measures initiated by the CIL to increase the production of coal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): The coal resources estimated in the country as per Coal Inventory of India published by GSI on 01.04.2022 are as under:

(Resources in million tonnes)

Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Total
187105.32	147252.18	27053.96	361411.46

As per coal inventory of India published by GSI on 01.04.2022, the cumulative coal production since 1950 upto 2021-22 is 18076.13 million tonne.

(b) Coal production by Coal India Limited during the last three financial years is as follows:

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Coal Production	602.14	596.22	622.63

(c) The quantum of coal imported in the country during the last three financial years is as follows:

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Coal Imported by India	248.54	215.25	208.93

(d) The details of the special measures initiated by the CIL to increase the production of coal are as under-

(i) CIL is adopting Mass Production Technologies (MPT) in its Underground (UG) mines, mainly Continuous Miners (CMs), wherever feasible. CIL has also envisaged working large nos. of Highwalls (HW) miners. CIL is also planning large capacity UG mines wherever feasible.

(ii) In its OC mines, CIL has adopted State-of-the-Art technology in its mines like high capacity Excavators, Dumpers and Surface Miners. Digitization is being tried on pilot scale in 7 of mega mines.

(iii) CIL has also offered 15 mines in MDO mode. Further, CIL has offered 30 discontinued/abandoned mines to re-open on revenue sharing basis.
