

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1084
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023

Reforms in Coal Sector

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating any policy reforms in the coal sector by changing the policy of coal extraction, distribution and pricing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also considering expansion of coal distribution capabilities in the country in collaboration with the Ministry of Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Government has made several policy reforms in the coal sector. Presently, there is no policy reform under contemplation.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Coal is coordinating with Ministry of Railways to enhance coal evacuation & distribution capabilities. At present, 13 Railway lines are being constructed in collaboration with the Ministry of Railways for expansion of coal distribution capabilities, which are at various stages of construction.

A total of 67 First Mile Connectivity (FMC) Projects with 885 MT capacity being taken up in 3 phases to achieve capacity of ~1BT mechanized handling of coal. In line with the goal of PM Gati Shakti, the Ministry of Coal has undertaken railway projects costing Rs. 26000 Cr to develop multimodal connectivity.

A Sub-group of all stakeholder ministries- Railway, Power, & Coal, and State representatives has been created. The Sub-group ensures rakes supply depending on the coal availability.
