

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019

Slow Down in Coal Sector

1499. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coal sector saw growth slowing down to 1.9 percent from 3.25 percent in July to September, 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the growth slowing further; and
- (d) whether slow growth in the core sectors has been blamed especially due to less coal mining and faltered electricity generation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): All India coal production growth during April-July 2019 was 1.5%. However, during April-September, 2019 all India coal production recorded a negative growth of 3.7%.

While there was a positive growth in production in the first quarter of the current year (April-June 19), production has been slipping since July. This is largely because of heavy rainfall witnessed in coal mining areas of the country. This year rainfall has continued in the month of October also which hampered the growth in production during this month that normally taken place after the rainy session.

(c): The coal production has started picking up from the month of November.

In order to enhance coal production, CIL has taken the following steps:

- Opening of 55 greenfield projects having capacity of 92 MTPA and expansion of 193 brownfield projects having capacity of about 310 MTPA in next five years.
- Portal based monitoring of on-going projects to ensure timely completion of projects.
- Introduction of state of the art technology to improve its work efficiency with high capacity Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM), like 42 cum

Shovel and 240 T Rear Dumpers in Gevra Expansion, Dipka&Kusmunda open cast mines.

- Introduction of Surface Miners in opencast mines to improve operational efficiency & to cater to environmental needs. During 2018-19 in CIL, around 50% of the opencast coal production was through Surface miners.
- Introduction of IT enabled Operator Independent Truck Dispatch System (OITDS) in 11 nos. of mines of CIL.
- Introduction of Mass Production Technology in underground coal mines, 2 mines are worked with Powered Support Longwall technology and 9 mines are worked with Continuous Miner technology.
- For rapid coal evacuation, 19 nos. Coal Handling Plants with silos and rapid loading system having existing capacity of 152.5 Million Tonnes (MT) are in operation.

(d): All India coal production registered a negative growth of 3.7% during April-September, 2019. As per Central Electricity Authority, Power generation registered a growth of 1.04% during this period.
