GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020

Coal Reserves

2920. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY: SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of quantum of coal reserves available in India, as on date;
- (b) the period for which these reserves are expected to last
- (c) the quantum of coal reserves that are present in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether the country is producing less amount of coal than its potential; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof

ANSWER

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

- (a): The total estimated coal resources in the country is about 326495.63 million tonnes (MT) as per "The inventory of Geological Resources of Indian Coal" (as on 01.04.2019), prepared by the Geological Survey of India.
- **(b):** The total coal extracted from the coalfields of India during 2018-19 is 730.35 MT and the cumulative coal extraction since 1950 upto 2018-19 is 15852.57 MT (as per Coal Controller Organization). Every year CMPDI is adding about 4000-6000 MT of proved resources in the coal inventory of India. There is no threat of coal resources for future coal demand in our country at present rate of extraction / demand.
- (c): As per "The inventory of Geological Resources of Indian Coal" (as on 01.04.2019), about 1607.21 MT of coal resources are estimated in Andhra Pradesh.
- (d)&(e): All India raw coal production has increased from 565.77 MT in 2013-14 to 730.35 MT in 2018-19. Absolute increase in all India coal production during this period was 164.58 MT as compared to an increase of 73.01 MT achieved in the preceding five years (2008-09 to 2013-14). Coal India Limited (CIL) has also increased its production from 462.41 MT in 2013-14 to 606.89 MT in 2018-19, an absolute increase of 144.48 MT as compared to increase of coal production of 58.68 MT between 2008-09 and 2013-14.
