

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4665  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

**Export and Production of Coal**

**4665. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:**

**Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of production, consumption, import and export quantity of coking and non-coking coal in India in last ten years;
- (b) whether India is observing a high coal inventory situation leading to coal surplus and lesser production and if so, details therefor for the last five years;
- (c) whether the Government owned PSUs are allowed to export the surplus coal and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether coal mined in India is competitive for export, quality and price-wise and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the initiatives that have been taken for making all types of Indian coal internationally competitive; and
- (f) the details of the number of cases that are pending and investigations active in relation to coal pilferage and scam in India?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES**

**(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

**(a):** The details of the production, consumption, import and export quantity of coking and non-coking coal in India in last ten years is attached at **Annexure-A**.

**(b):** The detailed scenario of the Coal Stock/Inventory in India along with the Coal Production and Dispatch during past 5 years are given in the following table,

Figures in Million Tonnes

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Opening Stock of Coal</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Offtake</b>	<b>Closing Stock</b>
2015-16	59.389	639.230	632.442	65.361
2016-17	65.362	657.868	645.978	76.889
2017-18	76.889	675.400	690.003	62.036
2018-19	62.036	728.718	732.794	57.640
2019-20	57.640	730.873	706.770	81.431
2020-21 (upto Jan-21)	81.431	545.458	555.552	72.748

**(c):** The Government controlled PSUs can export coal. Coal India Limited (CIL) can use its Special Spot e-auction / Spot e-auction windows to sell coal for the purpose of export. Coal India Limited can also participate in the tenders floated by the neighboring countries to export coal after meeting the domestic coal demand.

**(d):** Competitiveness of a product is dependent upon various factors like consumer preference, desired quality, landed cost, logistical and financial benefits etc. For Nepal and Bhutan, Indian coal is competitive against coal of other countries. For Bangladesh, landed cost of Indian coal is comparable to the coal being received from other countries

**(e):** Due to Drift Origin, Indian coal resources, by nature, mostly consist of poor quality non-coking and coking coal containing high inherent ash. As such there is very limited availability of high quality coal in India, yet it is made competitive through pricing as pricing of coal by the Government companies is most competitive.

For improving quality of produced coal from available resources, PSUs like CIL have taken various initiatives:

- As around 95% of the coal production of CIL has been envisaged to come from Opencast mines & remaining 5% from underground mines, CIL has planned to deploy surface miners in various open cast mines for selective mining, wherever geological conditions permit. At present, production from surface miners contribute around 45% of the total production of CIL and shall further increase in future.
- Further, Coal beneficiation in washeries/deshalers is also a process by which the quality of raw coal is improved. At present, CIL has a total coal washing capacity of 34.63 million tonnes per year (Mty) through 12 existing washeries, of which 10 are coking coal and 2 are non-coking. CIL shall set up further 9 washeries in 1<sup>st</sup> phase & 3 in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase with an aggregate throughput capacity of 60 Mty.

**(f):** Law & Order is a State subject, hence primarily, it is the responsibility of the State/District administration to take necessary deterrent action to stop/curb theft / pilferage of coal. First Information Reports (FIRs) are lodged whenever any incident of theft / pilferage of coal comes to the notice of the coal companies. State/District administration take further action against the lodged FIR.

FIRs lodged in cases of theft / pilferage of coal during 2019-20, company-wise and State-wise is given below:

(Provisional)

Name of the Company	State	2019-20
		FIR LODGED
ECL	WB	228
	Jharkhand	82
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>310</b>
BCCL	Jharkhand	12
	WB	0

	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12</b>
CCL	Jharkhand	13
NCL	MP	0
	UP	0
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0</b>
WCL	Maharashtra	18
	MP	0
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>18</b>
SECL	MP	1
	Chhattisgarh	2
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3</b>
MCL	Orissa	2
NEC	Assam	27
<b>Coal India Limited</b>		<b>385</b>

In the case of SCCL, one Police complaint was lodged.

**COKING & NON-COKING-WISE COAL PRODUCTION, OFFTAKE (DESPATCHES+COLLIERY CONSUMPTION), IMPORT AND EXPORT IN INDIA DURING LAST 10 YEARS**

(Quantity in Million Tonne)

Year	Production			Offtake			Import			Consumption ( Offtake + Import )			Export		
	Coking	Non-Coking	Total	Coking	Non-Coking	Total	Coking	Non-Coking	Total	Coking	Non-Coking	Total	Coking	Non-Coking	Total
2010-11	49.547	483.147	532.694	48.950	474.515	523.465	19.484	49.434	68.918	68.434	523.949	592.383	0.111	1.764	1.875
2011-12	51.660	488.290	539.950	51.723	483.576	535.299	31.801	71.052	102.853	83.524	554.628	638.152	0.097	1.917	2.015
2012-13	51.582	504.820	556.402	55.859	511.277	567.136	35.557	110.228	145.785	91.416	621.505	712.921	0.056	2.387	2.443
2013-14	56.818	508.947	565.765	58.464	513.596	572.060	36.872	129.985	166.857	95.336	643.581	738.917	0.008	2.180	2.188
2014-15	57.446	551.733	609.179	56.438	547.334	603.772	43.715	174.068	217.783	100.153	721.402	821.555	0.042	1.196	1.238
2015-16	60.887	578.343	639.230	59.213	573.229	632.442	44.561	159.388	203.949	103.774	732.617	836.391	0.064	1.511	1.575
2016-17	61.661	596.207	657.868	59.308	586.670	645.978	41.644	149.309	190.953	100.952	735.979	836.931	0.027	1.746	1.773
2017-18	40.148	635.252	675.400	45.380	644.623	690.003	47.003	161.245	208.249	92.383	805.868	898.252	0.068	1.436	1.504
2018-19	41.132	687.586	728.718	43.318	689.476	732.794	51.838	183.510	235.348	95.156	872.986	968.142	0.060	1.247	1.306
2019-20	52.937	677.936	730.873	50.656	656.114	706.770	51.833	196.704	248.537	102.489	852.818	955.307	0.002	1.046	1.047

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