

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1658
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

Adequate Supply of Coal

1658. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of coal supply and consumption in the country, year-wise;
- (b) whether the country is currently facing a coal shortage and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Coal Ministry has requested the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to allow coal mines with existing environmental clearances to increase their production by up to 40%, to hike production by up to 50% without a fresh environmental impact assessment or public consultation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of coal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): Details of coal supply and consumption in the country for the last five years are as under:

(Figure in Million Tonnes)					
Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Provisional)
Total Consumption/Demand	898.25	968.14	955.72	906.13	1027.92
Total Domestic coal Supply	690.00	732.79	707.18	690.88	818.99

(b): There is no shortage of coal in the country. The all India coal production in the year 2021-2022 was 778.19 Million Tonne (MT) in comparison to 716.083 MT in the year 2020-2021. Further, in the current financial year (upto June'22), the country has produced 204.876 MT of coal as compared to 156.11 MT during the same period of last year with a growth of about 31%.

(c) & (d): As an immediate measure to enhance the coal production, Ministry of Coal has requested the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to grant of EC upto 50% at a time instead of phased system under clause 7(ii) of EIA, 2006 with no increase in land area and no public consultation as the same has already been done at the time of original grant.

(e): To address the issues of coal supplies to power sector, an Inter-Ministerial Sub Group comprising of representatives from Ministries of Power, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways, CEA, CIL and SCCL meet regularly to take various operational decisions to enhance supply of coal to thermal power plants as well as for meeting any contingent situations relating to Power Sector including to alleviate critical coal stock position in power plants. In addition to this, an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted comprising of Chairman, Railway Board, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Secretary, Ministry of Power to monitor augmentation of coal supply and power generation capacity. Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Chairperson, CEA are co-opted as Special Invitees as and when required by the IMC. Coal dispatch from the captive coal blocks is also being monitored regularly.

Coal India Limited, the largest supplier of coal in the country, has dispatched 177.59 MT of coal in the first quarter of the current fiscal achieving a growth of 10.7% over last year same period. Similarly, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has dispatched 17.31 MT of coal in the first quarter of the current fiscal achieving a growth of 3.7% over last year same period.
