

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5069
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

STRENGTHENING OF COAL SUPPLY CHAIN

5069. Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor:
Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato:
Shri Chhatrapal Singh Gangwar:
Shri Dineshbhai Makwana:
Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen Coal Supply Chain across the country;
- (b) the number of projects launched under the First Mile Connectivity (FMC) initiative;
- (c) the estimated total capacity of the said projects;
- (d) whether there has been an increase in coal movement by the Rail-Sea-Rail (RSR) initiative; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Following measures have been adopted to establish a resilient and cost-effective coal evacuation logistics system:

- i. **Coal Logistic Plan and Policy** was launched by Ministry of Coal in February, 2024 to enhance supply chain efficiency, reduce costs & promote sustainability.
- ii. **Development of First Mile Connectivity (FMC) Projects** to enhance the efficiency of coal evacuation from mines to dispatch points. These projects focus on developing mechanized coal loading infrastructure, such as conveyor belts, and crushers with minimal manual intervention to make the system more cost-effective.
- iii. **Improvement in Rail Infrastructure** to expand rail network to ensure smoother and faster evacuation of coal.
- iv. **Use of Rail Sea Rail Mode** as an alternate route to rail or road for coal evacuation especially for power plants and industries located near coastal regions to ease the coal transportation movement in the country.

(b) & (c): 39 First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects with a total capacity of 386 million tons have been completed by coal companies.

(d) & (e): During last two years, coal movement via Rail-sea-Rail route has increased from about 28 million tons in financial year 2021-22 to about 54 million tons in financial year 2023-24.
