

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3115  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2015

Coal Reserves

**3115. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:**  
**SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:**  
**SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:**

Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current demand of coal could be met from various coal reserves available in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity of coal exploited and distributed during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the coal reserves in the country are gradually shrinking; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to increase the coal reserves and the production of coal in the country and to reduce the import of coal?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL,  
POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )**

**(a)& (b):**Yes Sir, The assessed coal reserves are adequate to meet the current demand.

Coal demand of the country, Production from CIL source and Supply from CIL source for last three years and current year is as below:

(Figures in Million tones)

Subjects	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16Target
Coal Production of the country	556.40	565.77	612.44	700
Domestic Supply.	567.60	572.49	607.85	700

Production &Supply(State-wise) for the last three years from CCO source is as under:

(Fig. in Million tones)

State	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	Production	Dispatch	Production	Dispatch	Production	Dispatch
Telangana	53.190	<b>52.025</b>	50.469	<b>47.892</b>	52.536	<b>52.662</b>
Arunachal Pradesh	0.073	<b>0.055</b>	0.000	<b>0</b>	0.000	<b>0</b>
Assam	0.605	<b>0.618</b>	0.664	<b>0.577</b>	0.779	<b>0.733</b>

Chhattisgarh	117.83	<b>121.058</b>	127.095	<b>124.674</b>	134.764	<b>129.392</b>
Jammu & Kashmir	0.019	<b>0.014</b>	0.019	<b>0.013</b>	0.013	<b>0.013</b>
Jharkhand	111.274	<b>119.276</b>	113.091	<b>116.798</b>	124.147	<b>122.687</b>
Madhya Pradesh	75.948	<b>60.411</b>	75.590	<b>63.096</b>	87.609	<b>74.242</b>
Maharashtra	39.134	<b>38.316</b>	37.223	<b>37.205</b>	38.257	<b>38.553</b>
Meghalaya	5.640	<b>5.64</b>	5.732	<b>5.732</b>	5.732	<b>5.732</b>
Odisha	110.132	<b>114.213</b>	112.917	<b>116.795</b>	123.627	<b>125.382</b>
Uttar Pradesh	16.090	<b>28.824</b>	14.721	<b>30.807</b>	14.957	<b>29.021</b>
West Bengal	26.467	<b>26.686</b>	28.244	<b>28.471</b>	30.014	<b>29.213</b>
<b>Total Non-Coking</b>	<b>556.402</b>	<b>567.136</b>	<b>565.765</b>	<b>572.06</b>	<b>612.435</b>	<b>607.63</b>

(c): Coal reserves are not shrinking. Every year about 3 to 5 Bt. coal resources are added to the inventory of Indian coal resources and against this, about 0.65 Bt. coal is extracted.

(d): Following steps are being taken to increase the coal reserves, production of coal in the country and to reduce the import of coal:

- To increase the coal reserves in the country the Government has taken steps like enhanced exploration capacity through induction of modern equipment like Hydraulic Drilling and outsourcing.
- CIL has envisaged for doubling its coal production i.e. 1 Bt by 2019-20 from the current level of production i.e. 494.23 Mt in 2014-15 for meeting the coal demand of the country. So far, mines/projects to produce about 908.10 Mt in 2019-20 have been identified.
- For the said purpose, a report has been prepared for assessment of the need for up-gradation of technology presently under practice in CIL mines and scope of further modernization.
- In order to maintain the planned growth in production and evacuation in future, CIL has undertaken three major Railway infrastructure projects to be executed by Indian Railways in growing coalfields of SECL, MCL, & CCL.
- High capacity mines are being planned with deployment of high capacity/ high productivity equipment in OC & UG mines of CIL.
- Efforts are being taken up by all sub-subsidiaries for obtaining EC/FC within the scheduled time frame so that projects could be able to start production.

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