

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 693
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2015**

Plantation Drives in Coal Mines

693. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether plantation drives are proposed to be launched to control air pollution and prevent soil erosion in coal mines and its surroundings in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Coal Companies have been undertaking massive plantation drive through the State Forest Corporations concerned, to control air pollution and prevent soil erosion. Tree plantation on reclaimed land in back filled and overburden areas, plantation in and around mines, road sides, township / residential areas, available vacant spaces and implementation of conservation plan for protection of flora and fauna are carried out as per the Environmental Clearance given by the Ministry. Till 31st March 2015, Coal India Limited (CIL) had planted around 82.67 million trees over an area of around 34944 Hectare. CIL is also making payment for compensatory afforestation for diverted forest land for mining in double the degraded forest as marked by the forest department.

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