

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 370
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016

Coal Blocks

370. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is in touch with other countries to buy coal blocks therein;
- (b) if so, the details of such countries;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any study to identify the coal requirement to achieve the target of 300 million tonnes coal production; and
- (d) if so, the plans of the Government to generate coal to achieve the required target?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW &
RENEWABLE ENERGY**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) &(b): Coal India Limited is pursuing acquisition of coal assets in other countries through the bi-lateral government to government route. It has considered an MOU with the government owned company of South Africa to jointly undertake identification, acquisition and operation of coal assets in that country. The MOU has not been signed.
- (c) &(d): Coal India itself produced 494.24 Mill Te of coal during FY 2014-15 and 373.51 Mill Te during April 2015 to December 2016. Since Coal India itself is producing more than 300 mt there is no need for the Government to carry any study to identify the coal requirement to achieve the target of 300 million tonnes coal production.
