

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION AND COAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total production of coal, and its present resources in the country quality-wise;
- (b) whether the country is self-reliant in the matter of coal production; and
- (c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for using modern techniques in the mining of coal and to minimise the loss of coal in its loading?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Details regarding coal production in the country during the year 1999-2000 and the total coal reserves of the country as on 1.1.2000 are given below:-

PRODUCTION 1999-2000

S.No.	Quality	Production in Million tonnes (Prov)
1	Coking	32.97
2	Non-Coking	267.12
	Total	300.09

COAL RESERVES

The total coal reserves of the country as on 1.1.2000 at the depth of 1200m, has been estimated by the Geological survey of India as 2,11,594 million tonnes.

(b): While the country is self-sufficient to meet the non-coking coal requirement of consumers, production of coking coal of required quality is less than the demand.

(c): Steps taken by coal companies to increase production of coal include, inter alia, starting of new projects and opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines and upgradation of technology. In order to minimize the loss of coal during loading, Coal Handling Plants, including rapid loading system, have been installed in some large open cast mines of CIL. Feederbreakers have been deployed for sizing of coal in many open cast mines of CIL.