

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has cleared a five thousand crore coal production scheme to address the coal crunch ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the extent to which production of coal is expected to increase as a result thereof; and
- (d) the details of mines to be used for implementing the said scheme ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d): Coal India Limited has identified 16 opencast existing mines/projects, production from where can be enhanced yielding an additional 71.3 Mt of coal/year. The estimated investment for the increased production is Rs.2690.80 crore. The identified projects

(4 in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, 3 in South Eastern Coalfields Limited, 3 in Central Coalfields Limited and 6 in Northern Coalfields Limited) have adequate reserves, mine capacity and mine geometry for enhancement of production. The proposals have been submitted to the Public Investment Board.