

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3064  
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PRODUCTION OF COAL .SHRI BANSAGOPAL CHOUDHURY  
Chowdhury Shri Bansagopal

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

- (a) whether the production of coal is declining over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The coal production in Coal India and Singareni Collieries Company Limited has increased over the years. Coal India Limited has taken the following steps to increase indigenous production:

- (i) 73 coal projects, including expansion/extension projects, at an estimated investment of Rs. 9920.84 crores, with an ultimate capacity of 149.185 million tonnes per year, have been sanctioned during 10th Plan period and are being developed for increase in coal production.
- (ii) improvement in equipment utilization.
- (iii) timely implementation of projects.
- (iv) mechanization/modernization of existing mines.
- (v) all new mines being planned with mechanization.
- (vi) increasing productivity in both underground and open cast mines.
- (vii) emergency coal production has been planned for increasing production in existing mines/ projects.