

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.786
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019**

Shortage of Coal

786. SHRIMATI RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- a) whether there is acute shortage of coal in the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made to increase coal production in the country by opening new mines;
- c) the time by which the demand- supply mismatch of coal would be over;
- d) whether the Ministry is giving priority to supplying of coal to thermal power stations in view of their critical requirements; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): The all India raw coal production has increased from 565.77 Million Tonnes (MT) in 2013-14 to 730.35 MT (Provisional) in 2018-19. This is absolute increase of 164.58 MT in coal production in this period as compared to the increase of 73.01 MT between 2008-09 and 2013-14. As on 19.06.2019, the vendible coal stock with Coal India Limited (CIL) was 39.36 MT.

(b). The opening of coal mines is a continuous activity which is undertaken regularly to meet the increasing demand of coal in the economy. CIL and its subsidiaries have planned upcoming greenfield projects as under:

Sl.	Subsidiary	STATE	COAL FIELD	PROJECT	TYPE	PR CAPACITY (MTY)
1	ECL	JHARKHAND	RAJMAHAL	HURA C OCP	OC	3
2	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	CIC	KETKI	UG	0.42
3	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	CIC	JAGANNATHPUR	OC	3
4	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	CIC	MADAN NAGAR	OC	12
5	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	SENDURGARH	VIJAY WEST	OC	3
6	SECL	MADHYA PRADESH	CIC	AMRITDHARA OC	OC	2
7	SECL	MADHYA PRADESH	CIC	MALACHUA	OC	3
8	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	KRB	SARAIPALI	OC	1.4
9	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	KRB	KARTALI EAST	OC	2.5

10	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	RAI	PELMA	OC	15
11	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	RAI	BIJARI	OC	1.5
12	SECL	CHHATTISGARH	RAI	DURGAPUR OC	OC	6
13	SECL	MADHYA PRADESH	CIC	BATURA	OC	2
14	MCL	ORISSA	IB VALLEY	GARJANBAHAL OCP	OC	10
15	MCL	ORISSA	IB VALLEY	SIARMAL OCP	OC	40
				TOTAL		104.82

Also, so far 84 coal mines stand allocated (originally 92 coal mines were allocated, later on, coal Mine Development & Production Agreement / Allotment Agreement were terminated in respect of 8 coal mines) under Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015. Further, directions have been issued to the Nominated Authority for allocation of 26 more coal mines.

(c) to (e): There is a gap between demand and domestic supply of coal as there is limited availability of indigenous coking coal and there are power plant that are designed on imported coal which continue to import coal for power generation. For 2019-20, Ministry of Power has projected annual domestic coal requirement of 530 MT from CIL, 54 MT from Singareni Collieries Company Limited and 50 MT from Captive mines. Due to enhanced domestic coal supply to power plants, coal import by power plants has reduced from 80.71 MT in 2015-16 to 61.66 MT in 2018-19.
