

20. Ensure proper mine closure and restoration of mined out areas. The Coal Regulatory Authority should be given the responsibility to monitor the restoration work. A fee of Rs. 10 per tonne of coal mined as Mine-restoration levy should be collected annually and release as grants on for such work.
21. Coal R & D fund should be created whereby half of one percent of the turnover of all coal companies in the public and private sectors is deposited. CGRA could manage the funds.

Tie up with global mining firms

288. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the state run Coal India Ltd. is looking to tie up with the global mining firms to jointly mines coal abroad;
- (b) whether the country's largest coal firm is looking to secure assets in four countries, viz. Indonesia, Australia, South Africa and the US;
- (c) if so, whether any agreement has been reached with these countries in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) No agreement has so far been reached with any of these countries.
- (d) and (e) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Supply of Coal for Electricity Generation

289. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- (a) the quantum of coal supplied to the State owned electricity generating companies at controlled price and decontrolled price; and
- (b) whether the coal supplied for the generation of electricity is sufficient to fulfill their requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) Since coal is deregulated, the Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), the coal Public Sector Undertakings, are exercising the authority of fixing the prices of its products i.e. different grades of coal. The coal supplies to State owned electricity generating companies are made as per prices notified by CIL and SCCL.

(b) As per the assessment of Central Electricity Authority, during 2009-10, the gap between indigenous availability of coal and estimated requirement of power utilities would be about 41 million tonnes. Accordingly, Ministry of Power has fixed a target of 28.70 million tonnes, which is considered equivalent to 41 MT of indigenous coal, to be imported by power utilities during 2009-10.

Cost of imported coal

†290. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI :

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- (a) the annual demand of coal for power generating plants of Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of the quantum of coal supplied to them and the sources thereof;
- (c) whether inspite of continuous demand by the State Government the required quantity is not supplied and around 8 lakh tonnes of coal is to be imported;
- (d) the quantum of coal to be provided by Coal India Limited for which it has signed a MoU with State Power Generation Corporation;
- (e) the comparative prices of imported coal and coal provided by Coal India Limited; and
- (f) whether due to the large quantity of ash content in Indian coal, in addition to increased consumption it creates hurdles in power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) and (b) As per the assessment of Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the annual demand of coal for the power generating plants of Rajasthan, during 2009-10, has been estimated as under :-

Sl.No.	Name of Power Station	Capacity in Mega Watt	Estimated Coal demand made by CEA (figures in lakh tonnes)
1.	Kota	1045	66.00
2.	Suratgarh	1250	72.00

In addition to the above, CEA has assessed that the annual normative coal requirement for Suratgarh (Unit-6), Kota (Unit-7) and Chabra (Unit-1) which were commissioned in August and October, 2009 would be 1.38 million tonnes, 1.10 million tonnes and 1.38 million tonnes respectively.

During 2008-09, the supplies to power generating stations of Rajasthan from Coal India Limited (CIL) sources was 13.810 million tonnes. During April-October, 2009 (Provisional), the coal supplies to these power stations was about 7.123 million tonnes.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.