

- Density of Forests
- Geo-mining condition
- Available Technology
- Depth, seam thickness and many other factors

With the present rate of production in the country and assuming 20 to 25% extraction, coal may be available for more than 100 years for meeting energy need of the country.

(b) As per the projections made by the Planning Commission, the estimated requirement of coal in the country for the year 2010-11 is 656.31 million tonnes.

(c) With a view to augment the domestic Coal Production, Government has allotted a number of new captive coal blocks, besides taking up a number of new coal projects under coal PSUs to bridge the gap between demand and supply.

(d) to (f) Import of coal is allowed under OGL. As per their requirement consumers are free to import coal. During 2009-10 (up to November, 2009) import of coal was 48.29 million tonnes. In order to bridge the gap between demand and availability of indigenous coal, Ministry of Power advises power utilities to import coal as per targets assigned to them. As against the target of 28.7 million tonnes of import by Power utilities, actual import of coal was 24.639 million tonnes during 2009-10.

Production of coal

4012. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether production of coal has grown over the year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and area where the production increased *vis-à-vis* the gross domestic product during 2008 and 2009-10;
- (c) whether the States are given their due share of allotment as per demand during the said years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, what are the reasons for not allocating the required share to the concerned States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The all India targeted production during the last three year has grown from 457.08 Mts. In 2007-08 to 531.56 Mts. (Prov) as given below:-

(in million tones)

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Production	457.07	492.76	531.56

(c) to (e) While formulating the Five Year/Annual Plan for the coal sector, the assessment of demand is made sector-wise for the country as a whole and not state-wise. As per the provision of the New Coal Distribution Policy state-wise allotment is made for small and tiny consumers taking into consideration the past trend of demand. Such allotment are made for distribution of coal through agencies nominated by the State Governments. 8 Mt. of coal is earmarked for distribution through these agencies.

Coal blocks allocated to public and private sector

4013. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY:

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal blocks identified and allocated to the public and private sectors, till-date for captive and use, year-wise and the revenue generated as a result thereof;

(b) the manner in which these coal blocks have been allocated during 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the number of coal blocks where mining/production has started;

(c) whether Government proposes to allocate more coal blocks for captive coal mining to the power, iron, steel and cement sectors;

(d) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise, till-date; and

(e) the time by which the coal blocks are likely to be allocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Initially, a total of 229 coal blocks were identified. Out of this, a total of 208 coal blocks (including 61 coal blocks allocated to Central and State PSUs under government dispensation) with geological reserves of 48.82 billion tones have been allocated to various public and private sector companies. The year-wise details of coal blocks allocated to public and private sector companies for captive use is given below:-