

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):  
(a) and (b) The coal production, dispatch and the difference between Production and Dispatch of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Orissa, since last five years is given below:

(Figs in Million Tonnes)

Year	Production (Quantity of coal)	Dispatch (Quantity of Coal)	Difference
2004-05	66.08	66.30	(-) 0.22
2005-06	69.60	68.22	1.38
2006-07	80.00	76.43	3.57
2007-08	88.01	83.64	4.37
2008-09	96.34	91.31	5.03
2009-10 (Upto Jan. 10)	79.96	80.78	(-) 0.82

(Figs for 2009-10 is provisional)

(c) The coal stock position of MCL in the beginning of the financial year i.e 1st April for last five years is given below:

(Figs in Million Tonnes)

Year	Coal Stock (Quantity)
01.04.2005	3.01
01.04.2006	4.40
01.04.2007	7.97
01.04.2008	12.35
01.04.2009	17.40

(d) There is no mismatch in the quantity of coal stock.

(e) At present there is no case of the coal burning in any under ground mines of MCL. Heating of coal in the coal stockyard is checked by dozing the stock pile and regular watering.

#### Hike in prices of coal

†1053. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for hike in the prices of coal;

(b) whether due to hike in the prices of coal, power generation will be costlier resulting increase in prices of all articles;

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(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the specific scheme being formulated by Government to ensure unabated supply of coal and also to increase its production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) Coal prices have been increased by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) with effect from 16.10.2009. The reasons for hiking the prices of coal by CIL were as follows:

- (i) General increase in price of commodities in the market leading to increase in the cost of input in the production of coal since the previous increase in coal price.
- (ii) Revision in the salary of the Non-executives through execution of National Coal Wage Agreement-VIII (NCWA-VIII) and of the executives as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE).
- (iii) To generate additional resources for fresh investment in new projects to augment coal production to achieve planned production target.
- (iv) To make some new coal projects financially viable which in the absence of increase in coal price would have become unviable due to rise in the cost of inputs including the recent wage hike under NCWA-VIII and revision of salary of executives. Not taking up these projects would have led to shortfall in coal availability and would have put additional strain on the energy security of the country.

(b) and (c) There will be marginal impact on the cost of power generation due to the increase in coal prices effective from 16th October, 2009. On a specific consumption of 0.7 Kg. per KWH, the impact on power generation would work out to around paise 5 per unit only.

(d) In order to streamline supply of coal, provision for entering into Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) has been made in the New Coal Distribution Policy, which would ensure supply in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated therein: Supplies to the regulated power utilities are also closely monitored by the Inter-Ministerial sub-group headed by Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Coal. Plant specific measures are taken to ensure adequate supply of coal to such power utilities.

As regards increase in production of coal, the following major steps have been taken by CIL:

**For existing underground mines:**

- (i) Mass production and long-wall technology at suitable locales are being introduced.
- (ii) Manual loading is being replaced by deployment of SDL/LHD and reorganization of transport system, wherever feasible.
- (iii) Driving additional shaft and incline/drift is enhancing evacuation capacity.
- (iv) Additional coal winning equipments are being deployed.

- (v) Maintenance and Repair Contract (MARC) with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) are being introduced.

**For existing opencast mines:**

- (i) Increased equipment size matching with bench height and stripping ratio are being introduced. For dumpers up gradation from 35/50T to 60T, 85T to 100T and 120T to 150T are being undertaken. Similar action has been taken for standardization of other HEMM.
- (ii) Old and surveyed off equipment are being substituted with higher size equipment.
- (iii) Thrust on automation and use of IT. 11 existing mines are to be equipped with Operator Independent Truck Dispatch System (OITDS).
- (iv) Several small and economic OC patches in almost all subsidiaries of CIL are being operated through outsourcing mode to enhance recoveries.
- (v) Maintenance and Repair Contract (MARC) with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) are being introduced.

**Production capacity of coal**

†1054. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production capacity of Coal India Ltd. owned Western Coalfields Limited's coal mines, situated in the districts of Chhindwara and Betul, mine-wise;

(b) whether any annual target has been set for production and if so, the details thereof and the production made during the last three years;

(c) whether the target set for the production has been achieved by all the mines and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken or to be taken against the officers of the mines in which the targets have not been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) The required details are given in Statement-I (See below).

(b) Annual targets are set for production every financial year. The details of the targets set for production and production achieved for the last three years is given in Statement-II (See below).

(c) The target set for production in the mines cited in Annexure – (B) during the last three years could not be achieved by some of the mines noted therein due to adverse geo-mining conditions of underground mines and non-diversion of forest land in Mohan OC. However, in the mines under Betul District, the overall target of Pathakhera Area has been achieved in the last three years. In Kanhan Area in Chhindwara District as well, improvement in coal production during the last two years was noted and the Area as a whole achieved the target set during 2007-08 and 2008-09.

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