

(b) The production of coal by Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited has been increasing year on year as given below:-

(In million tones)

Company	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
CIL	384.51	379.46	405.00	403.73	435.00	431.27
SCCL	38.04	40.60	41.50	44.55	44.50	50.42

#### Exploration in lignite mines

1489. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of lignite mines planned for exploration during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, goals set and achieved, so far, year-wise;

(b) the details of new lignite mines planned for exploration during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a big gap between production and demand of lignite in the country; and

(d) how the Ministry is planning to address this issue?

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

(a) The details of lignite mines planned by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) for exploration alongwith goals set and achieved for drilling during Eleventh Five Year Plan so far are given below:

(In Metres)

Mine Name		Quantum of drilling planned for Eleventh plan	Quantum of drilling achieved		Remarks	
			2007-08	2008-09	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Jayamkondam North	4000	4187	Nil	4187	
2.	Jayamkondam South	16000	12965	3021	15986	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.	Bithnok	5000	4975	Nil	4975	
4.	Hadla	2500	2621	Nil	2621	Work
5.	Riri	2000	2038	Nil	2038	completed
6.	Valia	26000	7780	17304	25084	
7.	Palana	5000	Nil	Nil	Nil	To be taken up
TOTAL :		60500	34566	20325	54891	

(b) The program of regional and detailed exploration for new lignite mines during the Twelfth Plan will be decided by the Working Group on Coal and Lignite to be constituted by Planning Commission which will be finalized during the terminal year of Eleventh Plan (2011-12).

However, the details of new lignite mines planned by NLC during the Twelfth plan is furnished below:

State	Mine Name	Exploration status
Tamil Nadu	Jayamkondam North	Detailed exploration completed
	Jayamkondam South	
	Devangudi	
	Mine-III	
Rajasthan	Bithnok	Detailed exploration completed
	Hadla	
	Palana	Detailed exploration completed by DMGR. Check drilling proposed to be done.

(c) Yes, Sir. The gap in the projected demand and actual lignite production in 2009-10 was 13.59 million tonnes.

(d) The major producer of lignite in the country is NLC besides some production by the State Corporations of Gujarat and Rajasthan. The major consuming sector is the power sector and the reason for shortfall in case of NLC has been slippage in the implementation of the linked Thermal

Power Stations in Eleventh plan mainly on account of the delays on the part of the main contractor BHEL and some land acquisition constraints. The issue is being taken up at highest level by the Ministry of Coal with concerned authorities from time to time. Further a number of lignite blocks have also been allotted for captive consumption purposes to meet the demand of the power sector.

**Potential of coal production**

1490. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the potential of coal production in main coal producing States including Jharkhand;
- (b) how much of this potential is being exploited in these States;
- (c) the number of coal mines projects pending for environmental clearance in these States during the last ten years; and
- (d) the steps taken to accelerate the process of getting environmental clearance for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):  
(a) and (b) The potential of coal production of main coal producing States and the current level of production is furnished in the table below:

(in million tonnes)

State	Proved Reserves	Actual Production achieved in 2009-10
1	2	3
Jharkhand	39633	105.93
West Bengal	11752	23.13
Orissa	21507	106.41
Uttar Pradesh	866	13.97
Madhya Pradesh	8505	74.07