

Production of coal

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiative to encourage the production of coal needed by the power plants domestically;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):
(a) to (c) Apart from initiating a series of measures, Ministry of Coal has allocated 208 coal blocks to private and public companies to enhance coal production in the country. In addition, major steps taken by Coal India Ltd. to increase production of coal in its command area, which in turn enhances the supply to power sector is as under:

- CIL has identified 142 new projects during XI Plan period with ultimate capacity of 380.22 Mt. Out of 142 identified projects, 76 projects have been approved so far, and the expected contribution from these new projects will be 110.95 Mt in the terminal year of XI Plan (2011-12).
- Six high capacity underground mines identified for development and Operation through latest international technology.
- Restart mining in 18 abandoned mines belonging to three of its subsidiaries namely ECL, BCCL and CCL with appropriate technology, forming JVs with reputed mining companies.
- To augment coal availability, acquisition of mining stake abroad, directly or through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).
- Upgradation of equipment size matching with bench height and stripping ratios. For Dumper, upgradation from 35/50 T to 60T, 85T to 100T, 120 T to 150 T as well higher sizes are being introduced.
- Use of high capacity hydraulic shovels (10 to 25 CuM) will find increased acceptability. High capacity dozers of sizes up-to 850 HP will complement the higher capacity excavators.