

Coal production

2952. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that coal production during the fiscal year 2012-13 has grown only 5.7 per cent after dipping by 2.7 per cent in 2010-11;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production has also been hit because of the ongoing controversy over the allocation of mines that has led to rescind 29 of them from the developers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL) : (a) and (b) The total production of raw coal in the country during 2012-13 was 557.5 MT which was 97% of the target production and exhibited a growth rate of 3.3% over the previous year (2011-12) when the growth rate was 1.4% over 2010-11.

(c) and (d) Based on the recommendation of the Review Committee and the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), the Government has so far de-allocated 47 coal blocks mainly an account of lack of progress of development of the blocks. Out of the 47 de-allocated bocks, 2 blocks were allocated again, 3 blocks were assigned to Coal India Limited and in respect of 5 blocks de-allocation letters were withdrawn.

As such the target of production of coal from captive blocks was 42 MT in 2012-13 which was only 7.3% of the overall target for coal production in the country, envisaged for 2012-13. As against the above target, the production of coal from captive blocks was 36.8 MT in 2012-13. As such, coal production depends on various factors such as the pace of land acquisition, obtaining environment and forestry clearances and other factors.

Allocation of coal blocks

†2953. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received several proposals from Coal India Limited (CIL) for allocation of about 130 coal blocks;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.