

Every year, some mines are closed/abandoned/discontinued due to exhaustion of reserves, safety and economic viability. To compensate this loss and augment the production, new Projects are opened and capacity of ongoing projects is enhanced wherever feasible.

Further, the Government has taken various steps to ensure time bound production which include efforts to expedite Environment and Forest clearances, pursuing with State Government for help in expediting land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal. Steps have been taken by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries to augment coal production which includes capacity addition from new projects and use of mass production technologies.

#### **Coal mines adhering to mining plan**

514. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines of Coal India Ltd. and those in private sector which have adhered to the mining plan including rehabilitation of fully or partially worked out mines and the details thereof; and

(b) the details of action taken against the coal companies which have violate the mining plan and categories of penal action taken in each category of deviation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) All mines whether operated by Coal India Limited/its subsidiary companies or by private sector are required to follow the approved Mining Plan including Mine Closure Plan. Each mine has a "Mine Closure Plan", in which activities including rehabilitation and stages at which these are required, are defined. Adequate budget is provided to carry out these activities as per guidelines issued by Government of India *vide* letter dated 07-01-2013.

(b) During operations, there may be deviations from approved Mining Plans. Action is taken in case of impermissible deviations, particularly with respect to environmental clearances *vis-a-vis* the production capacity.

#### **Shortage of coal**

†515. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the supply and shortage of coal in the power stations of the country, State-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.