

Scaling down coverage of MGNREGA

*107. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has decided or proposing to reduce the scale of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) from present 650 districts to only 250 backward districts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be its impact on rural employment and poverty ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of coal

*108. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the coal reserve in the country;

(b) the annual production of coal by the Coal India Ltd. and the private sector during the last three years;

(c) the coal consumption in the country and the shortage of coal during the last three years; and

(d) how Government would overcome the shortage of coal in the country and the quantity of coal imported during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The total estimated quantum of coal resources in the country is 301.56 billion tonnes as per "The inventory of Geological Resources of Indian Coal" (as on 01.04.2014), prepared by the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

(b) the All-India production of coal including that of Coal India Limited (CIL) and others during last three years is as follows:

	(in million tonnes)		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Coal India Limited	435.84	452.21	462.53
Singareni Collieries Company Limited	52.21	53.19	50.47
Captive	34.53	34.23	38.88
Others	17.37	16.78	13.76
TOTAL	539.95	556.41	565.64