

**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

(c) and (d) The total supply of coal through domestic sources has been short of the overall demand of coal. Accordingly, the total supply of coal in the country is through domestic sources as well as imports. The total supply of coal in the country during 2011-12 from domestic and imported sources was 535.9 million tonnes and 102.9 million tonnes respectively. During 2012-13, the total indigenous supply of coal was 567.6 million tonnes and the import of coal was 145.8 million tonnes. During 2013-14, the total indigenous supply of coal was 571 million tonnes whereas materialization through imports was 168.5 million tonnes.

The focus of the Government is on increasing production of coal by facilitating 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 Limited and its subsidiaries to augment coal production which includes capacity addition from new projects and use of mass production technologies.

#### **Allocation and release of funds under MGNREGA**

\*109. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to different States and Union Territories for works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and the actual amount released till date during the current financial year; and

(b) the criteria for allocation and release of funds to the States ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH): (a) and (b) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven programme. Central funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of agreed to Labour Budget and taking into consideration the performance and utilization of available funds. Ist tranche of Central share under MGNREGA is released to States/UTs taking into account availability and requirement of funds as per agreed to labour budget subject to settlement of accounts of the financial year preceding the previous year and subsequent releases are made provided the audited utilization certificate of the previous year and the provisional utilisation certificate of the current year are submitted. State/UT wise funds released till date are given in the Statement.