

Domestic production of coal

491. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is focusing on increasing domestic production of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of imports of coal and the cost thereof during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):

(a) and (b) The focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production which includes efforts to expedite Environment clearances & Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated effort with Railways for movement of coal. A roadmap has been prepared by CIL to substantially enhance production of coal by 2019-20. This includes capacity addition from new projects, use of mass production technologies and identification of existing on-going projects with growth potential. As a result, all India coal production has increased from 565.77 MT. in 2013-14 to 639.24 MT. (prov) in 2015-16.

(c) The quantity and value of imported coal during the last five years is given below:

Year	Quantity in MT.	Value in million ₹
2011-12	102.85	788376
2012-13	145.79	868455
2013-14	166.86	923292
2014-15	217.78	1045066
2015-16	199.88	845035

Status of open auction of coal mines

492. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) in its open auction of coal mines how many coal mines were auctioned by Government and how many of them have started operations; and
- (b) how much revenue the Central and the State Governments have got out of those mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):

(a) and (b) Allocation of 204 coal mines/blocks cancelled by Hon'ble Supreme Court are