

New coal mines

†2781. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new coal mines in the public and private sectors which have been given sanction since 2014 till date; and

(b) the expected increase in the production of coal in the country after the commencement of mining in these mines and the revenue that is likely to be accrued to the Government from it?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The allocation of coal mines are made under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 [CM(SP) Act, 2015] and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 [MM(DR) Act, 1957]. Allocation is made through auction to public and private sector companies and through allotment to public sector companies.

Under the CM (SP) Act, 2015, out of the old 204 cancelled coal mines, 89 coal mines were originally allocated after 2014. Coal Mine Development and Production Agreements have been terminated in respect of 6 auctioned coal mines. Thus, 83 old coal mines have been allocated so far after 2014.

Under the MM (DR) Act, 1957, 13 new regionally explored coal blocks, with estimated reserves of 7,242 Million Tonne have been allotted to Central/State Government Companies and no new coal block has been allocated through auction route to any private company since 2014 till date. Further, on the request of Coal India Limited (CIL) it has been decided to allot 06 new regionally explored coal blocks, with estimated reserves of 6163 Million Tonne, to CIL/its subsidiaries under the aforesaid Act during this period.

(b) The expected annual production and the revenue that is likely to accrue from these 19 new coal blocks allotted under the MM(DR) Act, 1957 is determined after completion of the detailed exploration in these regionally explored coal blocks.

Supply of coal

2782. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal-run power plants have complained about inadequate supply of coal from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited and several eastern coalfields;

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