

(b) whether it is also a fact that CIL is planning to increase the production capacity by 225 million tonnes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CIL had informed the Government that its three subsidiaries do not have adequate coal reserves at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) Coal India Ltd. (CIL) had requested the Government for allotment of additional coal mines so as to make its 3 subsidiaries viz. Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL), 100 MT plus coal producing subsidiaries as these 3 subsidiaries do not have adequate coal reserves at present. Considering the request of CIL, 11 coal mines have been allocated to CIL under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the MMDR Act, 1957. Addition of these 11 coal mines will add about 225 MT of coal in its annual production capacity. The details of these 11 coal mines are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Coal Mine	Location	Name of Subsidiary company of CIL
1.	Amarkonda Murgadangal	Jharkhand	ECL
2.	Brahmani	Jharkhand	
3.	Chichro Patsimal	Jharkhand	
4.-5.	Rampia and Dip side of Rampia	Odisha	WCL
6.-7.	Ghogharpalli and Dip Extension of Ghogharpalli	Odisha	
8.	Mandar Parvat	Bihar	BCCL
9.	Dhulia North	Jharkhand	
10.	Mirzagaon	Bihar	
11.	Pirpainti-Barahat	Jharkhand	

#### **Joint Ventures for evacuation of coal through Railways**

842. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to float more Joint Ventures for evacuation of coal through Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether any such Joint Venture has been proposed in the Southern Railway;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited (CIL) a PSU under Ministry of Coal has participated in four JV railway infrastructure companies namely Jharkhand Central Railway Limited (JCRL), Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL), Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited (CERL) and Chhattisgarh East West Railway Limited (CEWRL) for construction of dedicated rail corridor for evacuation of coal from the States of Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh respectively. There is no proposal to float more Joint Ventures for evacuation of coal at present.

(c) to (e) As of now there is no proposal to form any joint venture with Southern Railways due to commercial reasons.

#### **Revival of thermal power plants by coal linkage policy**

843. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COAL be please to state;

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to revive thermal power plants in the country by coal linkage policy, if so, the details of the scheme;
- (b) the total demand for coal from the unregulated sector; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to offer any discounts/rebates to independent power producers (IPPs) participating in the auction, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The Government approved a new policy for allocation of future coal linkages in a transparent manner for power sector consumers. This policy is christened as 'Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala (Coal) Transparently in India' (SHAKTI). The policy is an important initiative in alleviating one key challenge in power sector, viz. lack of coal linkage and is expected to positively contribute in resolution of a number of stressed assets. A copy of the policy is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The annual coal linkage with non-regulated sector, from CIL, would be around 100 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) by March, 2018, taking into account the linkages auctioned recently. Further about 75 MT of coal is projected to be sold to non-regulated sector through various e-auction schemes in the year 2017-18. Total demand from unregulated sector from Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) sources is about 1.22MT. Thus, from the above information, the total indicative coal demand by the Non-Regulated Sector is likely to be around 177 MT.