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Shortage in production of coal

1577. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of coal in financial Year 2018-19 has been recorded at 606.89 MT which is around 3MT short of its planned production target of 610 MT;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the production was 92MT in the first quarter of financial year 2019-20 as well as production was negative in the months of April and May; and

(d) if so, action plan of Ministry to achieve the envisaged production target of 660MT in financial year 2019-20?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) Coal India Limited (CIL) produced 606.89 Million Tonne (MT) (Provisional) against the target of 610 MT in financial year 2018-19 which is short by around 3 MT of the production target of 610 MT.

(b) The major reasons for short fall in production of CIL are Land acquisition, Physical possession of land, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) issues, Encroachers, Forestry Clearance, Environmental Clearance, Evacuation and logistics constraints, Law and Order problems etc.

(c) CIL produced 91.88 MT of coal during the month April - May 2019 compared to 91.98 MT in the corresponding period of previous year showing a negative growth of 0.1%

(d) The Ministry of Coal has fixed the target of coal production at 660 MT by CIL for 2019-20. To achieve this target, the focus of the Government is on pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and law and order issues and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

In addition CIL has taken the following steps to increase domestic coal production:

- CIL and its subsidiaries are going for higher capacity mega mines (Capacities > 10 MTY) with high mechanization.
- CIL has already introduced state of the art technology to improve its work efficiency. High capacity Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMMs) like 42 cum Shovel with 240 T Rear Dumper have been introduced for this purpose.

- Surface Miners have been introduced in opencast mines in a big way to improve operational efficiency 8b to cater environmental needs by CIL. During 18-19, in CIL, around 50% of the opencast coal production was through Surface miners and is likely to further increase in subsequent years.

Production of coal in NLC

1578. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- whether Government is aware that production of coal in Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) has decreased in recent years;
- if so, the coal production during last three years;
- whether Government has conducted any study to safeguard the coal miners after recent deaths in Tripura; and
- if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) Coal production has not commenced from the allotted coal blocks of NLC India Limited and its subsidiaries. However, the details of the lignite production from NLC India Limited during the last three years is given below:

Year	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Lignite Production (in lakh tonne)	242.49	251.53	276.17

(c) and (d) Ministry of Coal has not received any such report regarding recent deaths of coal miners in Tripura. Therefore, no study has been conducted by the Ministry.

Corruption cases in SECL

†1579. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- whether the serious cases of corruption and irregularity in various projects of South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL) have come to the notice of Government;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether any investigation of these cases has been conducted by Government; and

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