

**Coal supply rationalisation scheme**

136. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal supply rationalisation scheme has been extended to private power producers;

(b) if so, the details thereof as well as the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact of the scheme on the consumers; and

(d) the total savings accrued because of the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Coal has issued the Policy for Linkage Rationalisation for Independent Power Producers (IPPs) on 15.05.2018. The policy envisages to undertake a comprehensive review of existing sources of coal and consider the feasibility for rationalisation of sources with a view to optimize the transportation cost and materialisation taking into account coal availability and logistics.

(c) and (d) As per request received from consumers, linkage rationalisation of eligible IPPs has been done at Coal India Limited (CIL) for a total rationalised quantity of 2 Million Tonnes. The annual potential savings estimated by Central Electricity Authority for the above rationalisation would be about ₹ 118 crore.

**Action plan for increase in production of coal**

†137. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state whether Government would formulate any action plan to increase the production and consumption of coal in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) There has been a consistent effort to increase domestic coal production. The all India raw coal production has increased from 565.77 MT in 2013-14 to 730.35 MT (Prov.) in 2018-19. Absolute increase in all India coal production from 2013-14 to 2018-19 is 164.58 MT as compared to an increase of coal production of 73.01 MT between 2008-09 and 2013-14.

Further, in the current year 2019-20 (April-May 2019), all India coal production was 113.24 MT with a growth rate of 2.4%.

Coal is consumed by the sectors using coal as intermediary and the Government has no role in increasing the consumption of coal.

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In order to augment supply, a total of 84 coal blocks has been allotted under CM (Special Provision Act, 2015) so far.

Further, the focus of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal which includes pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

In addition Coal India Ltd. (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 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 and to cater environmental needs by Coal India Ltd. (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.

#### Demand and supply of coal

†138. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the current quantitative status of the demand and supply of coal to fulfil the needs of power and industrial sector in the country; and

(b) details of domestic production and import of coal from abroad towards coal supply?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) The all India sector-wise demand and supply of coal during 2017-18 and 2018-19 is given below:-

(in Million Tonnes)

Sector	2017-18		2018-19	
	Estimated Demand	Supply	Estimated Demand	Supply (Provisional)
1	2	3	4	5
Coking-Steel	63.17	59.73	58.37	63.00
Power (Utility)	622.96	513.98	655.66	545.00

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