

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated in the current financial year 2019-20 for the same?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

Exploration of non-Coal India Limited (non-CIL) coal blocks is carried out under the Central Sector Scheme “Exploration of Coal and Lignite” of the Ministry of Coal. Under this scheme, both regional exploration and detailed drilling of these blocks are conducted.

Each year exploration programme of regional exploration and detailed drilling in Non-CIL blocks in Coal and Lignite is approved. The regional exploration for the year 2019-20 has been planned for 37 Coal blocks and 10 Lignite blocks, whereas detailed drilling has been planned for 121 Coal blocks and 1 Lignite block.

(c) The Government has allocated funds of ₹ 937 crore (₹ 120 crore for regional exploration and ₹ 817 crore for detailed drilling) in the current financial year 2019-20 for carrying out exploration in Non-CIL blocks in Coal and Lignite.

Production and consumption of coal

1444. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and consumption of coal in the country during the last three years;

(b) the amount of coal imported from abroad during the last three years, country-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to boost coal production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) The all India coal production, and consumption of coal during the last three years is given below:-

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All India Coal production (MT)	657.87	675.40	730.35
Domestic Supply (MT)	645.98	690.28	734.23
Import (MT)	190.95	208.27	235.24
TOTAL consumption/supply (MT)	836.93	898.55	969.47

(b) Details of country-wise coal imports during last three years is given below:-

(Qty. in Million Tonnes)			
Country	2016-17 Quantity	2017-18 Quantity	2018-19 Quantity
Indonesia	91.26	95.814	112.773
Australia	46.65	46.145	48.166
South Africa	33.98	38.493	31.152
U.S.A	5.10	12.032	14.976
New Zealand	0.48	0.602	0.499
Canada	2.38	3.562	4.458
Mozambique	3.71	5.914	7.092
Russia	4.20	4.297	4.921
Singapore			5.656
Others	3.19	1.414	5.547
TOTAL	190.95	208.273	235.240

(c) The focus of the Government is on accelerating domestic production of coal through allocation of more coal blocks, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

Further, for sale of coal, allowing 100% FDI for coal mining activities including associated processing infrastructure is expected to attract international players and create efficient and competitive coal market.

In order to enhance coal production, CIL has taken the following steps:

- Opening of 55 greenfield projects having capacity of 92 MTPA and expansion of 193 brownfield projects having capacity of about 310 MTPA in next five years.
- Portal based monitoring of on-going projects to ensure timely completion of projects.
- Introduction of state of the art technology to improve its work efficiency with high capacity Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM), like 42 cum Shovel and 240 T Rear Dumpers in Gevra Expansion, Dipka and Kusmunda open cast mines.

- Introduction of Surface Miners in opencast mines to improve operational efficiency & to cater to environmental needs. During 2018-19 in CIL, around 50% of the opencast coal production was through Surface miners.
- Introduction of IT enabled Operator Independent Truck Dispatch System (OITDS) in 11 nos. of mines of CIL.
- Introduction of Mass Production Technology in underground coal mines, 2 mines are worked with Powered Support Longwall technology and 9 mines are worked with Continuous Miner technology.
- For rapid coal evacuation, 19 nos. Coal Handling Plants with silos and rapid loading system having existing capacity of 152.5 million tonnes are in operation.

Production of non-coking coal

†1445. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of non-coking coal in the year 2019-20, as compared to the year 2018-19; and

(b) the details of necessary steps proposed to be taken to increase the production of non-coking coal in the country in the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) The all India Non-Coking coal production during April-October, 2019 was 323.18 MT as compared to 349 MT during the corresponding period of last year 2018-19.

(b) The focus of the Government is on accelerating domestic production of coal through allocation of more coal blocks, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

Prior to ongoing tranche of coal allocation, coal blocks were allocated to private companies for captive use purpose only and not for sale of coal. In the current tranche of auction, 25% of coal production has been allowed for sale of coal for private companies.

Further, for sale of coal, allowing 100% FDI for coal mining activities including associated processing infrastructure is expected to attract international players and create efficient and competitive coal market.

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