

- 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.

(b) and (c) The details of coal production target fixed by the Government for the year 2019-20 is given below:-

Company	Production Target (MT)
Coal India Limited	660.00
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd	67.00
Captive and others	83.00
TOTAL ALL INDIA	810.00

(d) The amount of coal imported during last year and its value is given below:-

Quantity in MT & Value in ₹ Crores		
Year	Quantity	Value
2018-19	235.24	170881

Abolition of coal linkage Committees

1442. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a proposal to abolish the coal linkage Committees governing the distribution of coal to the companies;

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

(c) the details of the method being adopted by Government for allocation of coal in the absence of coal linkage Committees?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) There is no proposal with the Government to abolish the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) [SLC(LT)].

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Exploration of non-CIL coal blocks

†1443. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan for extensive exploration of non-Coal India Limited (CIL) coal blocks;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(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