

disability pension दी जाती है, तो इसका जवाब बहुत लंबा है। यदि आप इस समय के मौजूदा provisions भी जानना चाहेंगे, तो मैं आपको वे भी दे दूँगा, लेकिन आपने जो जानकारी चाही है, मैं समझता हूँ कि वह इस प्रश्न से सीधे सम्बन्धित नहीं है। मैं इसकी जानकारी हासिल करके आपको अवगत करा दूँगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The next supplementary question is of Shri Amar Shankar Sable.
...(Interruptions)...

श्रीमती विप्लव ठाकुर: सर, very important.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are always important. ...(Interruptions)... Very rarely revolutions happen, विप्लव कभी-कभी आता है, हरेक दिन विप्लव कैसे होता है?

श्री अमर शंकर साबले: सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से रक्षा मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या दिव्यांग रक्षा कर्मियों की अच्छी सेवा के लिए उनके परिवार को कोई विशेष सुविधा देने की सरकार की कोई योजना है?

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: सभापति महोदय, हमारे जो भी veterans हैं; Army, Naval Force अथवा Air Force के जो भी retired personnel हैं, सरकार उनकी चिंता करती भी है और उनके प्रति समस्त देशवासियों के मन के अन्दर बेहद सम्मान भी है।

श्री सभापति: बहुत दिन के बाद राजनाथ जी का सवाल आया है और राजनाथ जी से सदस्य इतना प्यार करते हैं, इसलिए सम्बन्धित-असम्बन्धित, सब प्रश्न पूछते रहते हैं।

Hon. Members, I am sorry, I have to make an observation because it is happening time and again. There were fifteen Starred Questions today and seven Members were absent. After having asked the questions, if they are absent, it is a sorry state of affairs. I hope the media will publish the names of those hon. Members who were kind enough not to come to the House in spite of putting the questions also. Today is Monday, a working day. This is a very serious matter.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Initiatives to boost coal production

1441. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the various initiatives taken by Government to boost domestic coal production;

(b) whether Government has fixed any target of coal production to boost economic growth as well as to attract fresh investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of coal imported last year and details of the forex outflow?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) 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.

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 and 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.

(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.