

Privatisation of coal sector

9. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is going ahead with the steps to privatise the coal sector in India;

(b) whether the move to privatise will result in the loss of jobs in Coal India Limited; and

(c) if so, the estimated number of workers who will lose their jobs?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) There is no proposal in the Ministry of Coal to privatise Coal India Limited (CIL).

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Demand and supply of coal

10. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment of demand and supply scenario in respect of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the demand of coal has exceeded its supply in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Sector-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(e) steps taken/being taken by Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of coal in the country through the indigenous production of coal?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) Aayog has estimated the demand of coal for 2018-19 at 991.35 MT. An assessment of supply / production of coal has been made for next five years which is as under:-

Projected domestic Production of Coal for next five years (in MT)

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Domestic Supply/production	810.00	881.00	964.00	1040.00	1119.00