

(5) **Kerandari:**

Allocate: M/s NTPC

Reason for delay in coal production:-

Appointment of MDO is pending from several months. NIT has again been issued for appointment of MDO. In the meanwhile M/s NTPC is also making preparation for operationalisation of the mine through departmental route.

Inactive coal mining companies

† 1131. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of companies that have been sitting idle even after obtaining coal mining license for years;

(b) if so, the details of such inactive license holder companies;

(c) the reasons due to which these companies have not started the mining works;

(d) whether Government proposes to cancel the coal mining license of these companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) to (c) Yes. The details of these coal mines and reasons for not undertaking mining activity is given in the Statement Referto the Statement appended to the answer to USQ No. 1130 Part (c) and (d)].

(d) and (e) No. There is no proposal to cancel the coal mining license of these coal companies.

Decline in production of coal

†1132. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after a good growth of nearly eight per cent in production of coal during the financial year 2018-19, the production is down by 5 per cent in the financial 2019-20 till date;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that coal production in the current financial year has been affected by the economic slowdown in the country, decline in power generation and few other reasons; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in order to achieve its coal production target?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) All India coal production achieved a growth of 8.1% in 2018-19. During April -January 2019-20, coal production declined by 2.2% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The decline in coal production is largely due to heavy rainfall witnessed in the coal mining areas in the current year which was around 25% more than the previous year. Further, rains also continued during the month of October. However, production has started showing an upward trend since November, 2019 and the country achieved highest ever production of 69.6 MT in the last five years in December, 2019 and 74.8 MT in January 2020.

(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.

In order to enhance domestic production, 25% of coal production has been allowed for sale of coal for newly allocated coal blocks.

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, Coal India Limited (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.

Innovative measures for improving work culture

1133. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any innovative measures have been undertaken by the Ministry and/or its various departments or Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and autonomous bodies associated with it to improve work culture, bring more transparency and accountability and also enhance result orientation, during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of impact of these efforts?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Coal signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on yearly basis with Coal India Limited (CIL) and NLC India Limited (NLCIL) as per guidelines, issued by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) for enhancing accountability and result orientation. E-office is also implemented in the Ministry of Coal in place of the old process of working on physical files to improve work culture, bring more transparency and accountability and also to enhance result orientation.

Further, following innovative measures are undertaken by the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for improving work culture, accountability and transparency during the last 5 years along with details and impact:-

(i) E-Empowerment of Executives

Executives of CPSEs are provided corporate e-mail ids and laptops and e-office concept has been introduced in place of the old process of physical file movement.