

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) carries out exploration studies in the country and publish report annually. As per "Indian Coal and Lignite Resources 2019" document of GSI (as on 01.04.2019), the details of coal resources established so far in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as mentioned below:

(Resource in Million Tonnes)				
Depth(in m)	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Total
0-300	87.38	419.49	45.03	551.90
300-600	9.74	577.08	107.75	694.57
600-1200	0	81.87	278.87	360.74
TOTAL	97.12	1078.44	431.65	1607.21

Sustainable Development Cell for coal companies

14. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up a 'Sustainable Development Cell' to advise, mentor, plan and monitor mitigation measures taken by coal companies for maximising utilisation of available resources in a sustainable way;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for bringing new methods, technologies, approaches and also global practices among coal companies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 'Sustainable Development Cell' to advise, mentor, plan and monitor mitigation measures taken by coal companies for maximising utilisation of available resources in a sustainable way has been set up in Ministry of Coal.

This cell will work towards generating new ideas to plan, prepare guidelines, periodically monitor and evaluate different environmental mitigation measures carried out by different coal companies in a holistic way. The Sustainable Development Cell will perform following tasks:—

a. Land amelioration and afforestation

b. Air quality, emission and noise management

- c. Mine water management
- d. Sustainable Overburden Management
- e. Sustainable Mine Tourism
- f. Planning and Monitoring
- g. Policy, Research, Education, and Dissemination

(c) Consultation with Public Sector coal companies which includes Coal India Ltd. & its subsidiaries, NLC India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. have been completed and Sustainable Development Cells have also been set up by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries.

The Sustainable Development cell will adopt a systemic approach, starting from collection of data, analysis of data, presentation of information, planning based on information by domain experts, adoption of best practices, consultations, innovative thinking, site-specific approaches, knowledge sharing and dissemination and finally end with an aim to ease the lives of people and communities in general.

Annual production of coal

†15. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of active coal mines in the private as well as public sector of the country and the overall annual production thereof; and

(b) whether the said production is in the line with the country's overall annual demand for the same, if not, the details of the steps taken by Government to increase the production according to its demand which is set to grow in future?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) As on 01/04/2019, a total 454 of coal mines were active in private and public sector. The overall annual coal production in the country during 2018-19 was 730.35 MT.

(b) Demand of coal is higher than the current level of supply of coal in the country. The entire demand of coal is not met from domestic production as the supply of high quality coal/ coking coal (low-ash-coal) in the country is limited and thus no option is left but to resort to import of coking coal. Further, coal imported by

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