

Average coal consumption

810. DR. FAUZIA KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) total reserves of coal in the country and its average consumption per year during the last five years and current year;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to find alternate sources of energy so that consumption of coal is reduced; and

(c) whether the coal reserves have increased or decreased during the last five years in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) The details of Coal reserve in the Country during the past 5 years is given below—

As on	Reserves (in Million Tonnes)
01.04.2015	3,06,595
01.04.2016	3,08,802
01.04.2017	3,15,148
01.04.2018	3,19,020
01.04.2019	3,26,496

The consumption of Coal during the past 5 years is given below—

Year	Consumption (in Million Tonnes)
2015-16	836.73
2016-17	837.22
2017-18	898.52
2018-19	968.25
2019-20(P)	954.72

(b) Government has set a target of 175 GW of Renewable Energy Capacity by the year 2022, as on 31.08.2020 a total of 88.79 GW of Renewable Energy capacity has been installed so far.

(c) Yes, Sir. Details are tabulated in reply to part (a) of the question.