

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.- 2082
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NEW GUIDELINES ISSUED FOR COAL PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any new guideline has been issued for coal projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to achieve the target of augmentation of coal production capacity per year; and
- (d) the details of coal production in India especially Vidarbha and Marathwada region and the State of Maharashtra?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): No. Sir.

(b): All Coal projects are reviewed by the Government periodically through various mechanisms. As such no new guideline needs to be issued.

(c): Government has taken the following steps to achieve the target of augmentation of coal production capacity:

1. Single Window Clearance System has been launched.
2. Guidelines for procedure and approval of mining plan has been simplified.
3. Auctioning of coal mines for commercial sale of coal started.
4. Regular review and monitoring of allocated coal mines in the past.
5. Holding of Monitoring Committee meetings headed by Secretary (Coal) and concerned Chief Secretary of the state for early operationalisation of coal mines allocated.
6. Improving evacuation efficiency & capacity and construction of new railway lines.
7. Establishment of new washeries to enhance clean coal.

In addition to above, Coal India Limited has taken following specific steps:

- i. Capacity addition through approval of new & expansion PRs.
- ii. Capacity addition through special dispensation in EC under clause 6(2) of EIA 2006.
- iii. Enhancing capacity through marginal schemes and OC patches.
- iv. Capacity augmentation through deployment of MDO.
- v. Use of state-of-art technology in OC mines
- vi. Use of Mass Production Technology (MPT) in UG mines wherever feasible.
- vii. All out efforts are being made at all levels for overcoming constraints like possession of non-forest land, diversion of forest land and other statutory clearances.

(d): The information regarding coal production especially of Vidarbha and Marathwada region of Maharashtra is not maintained separately. However, the total coal production from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (Provisional) of Maharashtra state is given below.

[In Million Tonnes]		
State	Year	Production
Maharashtra	2017-18	42.219
Maharashtra	2018-19	49.818
Maharashtra	2019-20(Provisional)	54.746
