

**MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
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Just Transition planning process

1948 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether to start the Just Transition planning process, Government plans to initiate the creation of a multi-stakeholder body to guide the process and to ensure that the planning process is inclusive, the body should have representatives from various Central Ministries, State and district Governments, coal companies, local communities, civil society, and trade unions;
- (b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/being taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL, MINES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
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(a) to (c) : In India, just transition away from coal is not happening in foreseeable future. Although there will be push for renewable/non-fossil based energy, but share of coal in the energy basket is going to remain significant in years ahead. Coal demand in the country is yet to peak. The draft Economic Survey 2021-22 projects coal demand in the range of 1.3-1.5 billion tonnes by 2030, an increase of 63 per cent from the current demand. Thus, as of now there is no scenario of transition away from coal affecting any stakeholders involved in coal mining.

However, Ministry of Coal has constituted a Sub-Committee to look into holistic closure of abandoned/legacy mine sites and mines closing due to exhaustion of reserves, viability issues etc., and involving social aspects of mine closure on principles of just transition in addition to physical and environmental closure.
