

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 54
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024**

Self-sufficiency in coal

54 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is progress on self-sufficiency to reduce the imports of coal in the country, if so, details thereof; and
- (b) whether the exploration of the Coal and Lignite Scheme has undergone improvement since 2021, if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a): The thrust of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal and to reduce non-essential import of coal in the country. Most of the requirement of coal in the country is met through indigenous production. In the year 2023-24, production of coal in the country was 997.828 Million Tonne (MT) (provisional) in comparison to 893.19 MT in the year 2022-23, with a growth of about 11.71 %. The coal production target for the FY 2024-25 has been fixed at 1080 MT.

(b): Yes sir. The exploration scheme of the Coal and Lignite has undergone improvement since 2021 including north-eastern region. Details are given below:

2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
Drilling (in lakh m)	RE (in Rs. Crores)	Drilling (in lakh m)	RE (in Rs. Crores)	Drilling (in lakh m)	RE (in Rs. Crores)
2.59	470.05	1.82	430.0	4.28	430.0
