

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 46#**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024**

**Reducing dependency on coal**

**46# Shri Aditya Prasad:**

Will the Minister of **COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working on any project, to reduce dependency on coal in the country, particularly in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has prioritised providing employment at the regional level for this project, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Ministry of Coal has planned to set up 15.5 GW Renewable Energy capacity by the FY 2030. Out of this, 1749 MW capacity of Renewable Energy projects have been commissioned. Two of the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL), i.e. Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), which are situated in the State of Jharkhand, have planned to develop 220 MW Solar Projects by FY 2028-29, out of which approx. 30 MW Solar Projects are already commissioned.

(c) Solar Projects are implemented in turn-key mode where EPC work and operation of the plants are in contractor's scope. Contractors are engaging mostly local workforce at regional level for unskilled /semiskilled jobs.

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