

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 36  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

**Coal production in Odisha**

**36 Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

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

- (a) the current annual coal production in Odisha, as compared to the national coal production figures;
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure sustainable mining practices and environmental protection in coal-producing areas of Odisha; and
- (c) the plans to develop infrastructure such as rail and road connectivity to enhance coal transportation from mines in Odisha to power plants and industries?

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

**(a):** The annual coal production in Odisha state, as compared to the national coal production in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 (provisional) is given below:

(Quantity in MT)

Year	Production (Odisha)	Total Production	Share (%)
2023-24	239.40	997.83	23.99
2024-25 (till December 2024, provisional)	191.40	726.24	26.35

**(b):** To promote environmental sustainability in Coal mines in the country including State of Odisha, various sustainable & environment friendly initiatives have been taken such as plantation/ bio-reclamation, mine water utilization for community use, development of eco-parks and adoption of energy efficiency measures.

Further, the Coal Block Development and Production Agreement for commercial mining executed between Successful Bidder and Nominated Authority mandates that the Successful Bidder shall implement mechanised coal extraction, transport and evacuation in the coal mine, in line with modern and prevalent technologies. Accordingly, the Successful Bidder shall strive to minimise the carbon footprints from operations at the coal mine, undertake steps to reduce environmental pollution and promote sustainability, in accordance with Good Industry Practice.

(c): To enhance coal evacuation in Odisha, following Rail and First Mile connectivity network have been taken up:

- i. Angul-Balram Rail Link of 14 km in Talcher coalfield was constructed in November, 2022 to enhance coal evacuation from Talcher Coalfields of Odisha.
- ii. Jharsuguda-Barpalu-Sardega Rail Line (Doubling) of 50 km in Odisha was constructed in February, 2024. This Rail line is poised to significantly enhance rail infrastructure, facilitating seamless transportation and ensuring efficient coal supply chains in Sardega mines of MCL and other Captive mines.
- iii. Ministry of Coal has planned to set up 21 first mile connectivity projects having 355 MT capacity in Odisha for mechanized coal transportation, improve loading efficiency, reduce loading time and contribute in reducing emission and pollution.

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