

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 70
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

COKING COAL PRODUCTION

***70. Shri Pramod Tiwari:**

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

- (a) the domestic raw coking coal production in 2023-24 and the target fixed for the coming years;
- (b) the details of modernization and renovation of existing aging washeries and monetization of old washeries;
- (c) the steps taken to reduce imports of coking coal; and
- (d) the number of coking coal blocks auctioned to the private sector and the time by when these blocks are likely to start production?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 70 FOR REPLY ON 10.02.2025 REGARDING 'COKING COAL PRODUCTION' ASKED BY SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI.

(a): The total domestic raw coking coal production during the financial year 2023-24 was 66.821 Million Tonnes (MT). The domestic raw coking coal production target for FY: 2024-25 is 77 Million Tonne (MT).

(b): The details of modernization/renovation of existing aging washeries and monetization of old washeries of Coal India Limited is as under:-

- i. **Renovation of Old Washeries:** Coal India Limited has planned renovation of its two old washeries to improve their washing capacity and operational efficiency.
- ii. **Monetization of Old Washeries:** Coal India Limited has planned monetization of 4 old washeries to enhance the washing capacity.

(c): The Ministry of Coal has taken the following steps to reduce imports of coking coal:

i. The Ministry of Coal has launched "Mission Coking Coal" to enhance domestic coking coal production and reduce import of coking coal, with an objective to prepare roadmap to augment domestic coking coal production. The Government has formulated the following strategies under Mission Coking Coal to reduce import of coking coal in country-

- **Increase in domestic coking coal blending for steel making from present 10% to 30%.**
- **Enhancement of coking coal production to 140 MT by FY2030.**
- **Revenue Sharing Model:** CIL has offered eleven discontinued coking coal mines on an innovative model of revenue sharing to the private sector.
- **Auction of Coking Coal Blocks:** Ministry of Coal has auctioned 16 coking coal blocks during the last four years.
- **Enhance coking coal washing capacity by FY2030:** Coal India Limited has commissioned 3 washeries based on new technology in last 7 years and planned to set up 7 washeries by FY2029.

ii. **Supply of coal to Steel Sector through NRS Linkage Auction route:** The tenure of coking coal linkages in the NRS linkage auction has been revised for a period up to 30 years.

iii. A new sub-sector 'Steel using Coking coal through WDO route' has been created in March, 2024 under the NRS linkage auctions for increasing the availability of washed coking coal in the country.

(d): Ministry of Coal has auctioned 15 coking coal blocks to private players. The likely years of commencement of production is as below:

- Financial Year 2025-26 - 2 Blocks
- Financial Year 2026-27 - 3 Blocks
- Financial Year 2027-28 - 2 Blocks
- Financial Year 2028-29 - 3 Blocks
- Financial Year 2029-30 - 5 Blocks
