

Requirement of coal by power plants

†286. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of coal being used for generation of power in the country;
- (b) the revenue earned therefrom;
- (c) the quantum of coal required by various power plants based on coal during the Ninth Plan Period and the quantum of coal supplied to the said plants;
- (d) whether Government have made any assessment with regard to demand of coal by these power plants during the Tenth Plan period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) 74.1% of the total coal produced is used for generation of power in the country. Out of this the share of CIL and SCCL are 76% and 81% respectively.

(b) The revenue earned from the coal sale to power sector by CIL and SCCL is Rs. 16182 crores and Rs. 3109 crores respectively for the year 2002-2003.

(c) Planning Commission has assessed the all India coal demand for power sector as 241.54 million tonnes of raw coal and 2.78 million tonnes of middlings for the terminal year of the Ninth Plan *i.e.* 2001-2002. Out of this, CIL has despatched 217.18 million tonnes of raw coal and 1.796 million tonnes of middling and SCCL has despatched 24.514 million tonnes of coal for power sector.

(d) and (e) Planning Commission has assessed the all India coal demand for power sector as 317.14 million tonnes of raw coal and 3.74 million tonnes of middling for the terminal year of Tenth Plan *i.e.* 2006-07.

Increase in coal production during Tenth Plan

†287. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

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(a) the steps taken to enhance the production of coal to meet the requirement of power plants and industrial units during Tenth Plan; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to enhance production capacity of coal mine workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) The following strategies have been formulated to improve the production of coal to meet the future requirement of power plants and industrial units during Tenth Plan:

- (1) To open new mines and increase efficiency and productivity in the existing mines by modernisation, application of new technologies and to ensure timely availability of inputs and infra-structural facilities.
- (2) To take steps to remove the bottlenecks in land acquisition and forest land clearance for speedier implementation of coal projects.
- (3) To take steps to securitise the outstanding coal sale dues of coal Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) against defaulting SEBs.
- (4) To take steps in co-ordination with the Railways to remove the transportation bottlenecks in coalfield areas having potential for enhanced production.
- (5) To reduce the production cost of coal by resorting to various measures viz. rationalisation of manpower, improvement in capacity utilisation, removal of bottlenecks in timely completion of coal projects, judicious planning, economy in expenditure, and maintaining good industrial relations.
- (6) To take steps to improve the quality of coal through selective mining and beneficiation.
- (7) To supplement the resources required for investment in new projects and infuse modern technology and management systems and practices by entering into joint venture for development of green field project.

- (8) To integrate environmental and social mitigation measures with mine development plans.

(b) The following steps are being taken to increase the productivity:

- (i) Rationalization of manpower deployment;
- (ii) Introduction of suitable mechanization depending on the geo-mining conditions;
- (iii) Optimization of district, reorganization of layout;
- (iv) Optimization of utilization of inputs;
- (v) Improvement in working conditions through better ventilation etc. and
- (vi) Provision of welfare and health care of coal worker.

Start of new coal mines by W.C.L.

†288. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Western Coalfield Limited has given a proposal to start new coal mines near Sarani Coalfield;

(b) whether this will help in providing coal as per the need of thermal power plants in M.P. that are not getting sufficient coal, particularly Sarani Plant; and

(c) whether Government propose to providing help in starting soon the above said two coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Western Coalfield Limited has been supplying coal as per the requirement of Sarani TPS. Coal from the two new mines can be supplied to Sarani TPS subject to acceptance of the coal prices of Western Coalfield Limited by Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board.

(c) No, Sir.

Encroachment of Defence land

†289. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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