

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2757
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021**

Import of Coal

2757. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the domestic production and decrease the import of coal and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of coal mines closed during the last three years and the coal mines which are likely to be closed after extraction of coal during the current year and the next three year; and
- (c) whether workers are given any compensations after closure of coal mines and if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed to determine the amount of compensations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) The focus of the Government is on increasing domestic production of coal and to achieve these targets through allocation of more coal blocks, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

In order to enhance domestic production, 25% of coal production has been allowed for sale of coal for newly allocated captive coal blocks. Commercial mining, with a provision for 100% foreign direct investment, has been allowed by the Government.

In order to enhance coal production and achieve coal production targets, Coal India Limited (CIL) has taken the following steps:

- Implementing on-going projects in time bound manner to achieve targeted production as per schedule.
- 15 Greenfield Projects identified with a Capacity of about 160 MTPA (Million Tonnes per Annum) to be operated by Mine Developer cum Operator mode.
- Manual loading method eliminated in all underground mines of CIL (except one mine of CCL) by introducing Side Discharge Loader (SDL)/ Load Haul Dump (LHD) loading in conjunction with belt conveyors.
- Introduction of Surface Miners in opencast mines to improve operational efficiency and cater to environmental needs.
- Introduction of Mass Production Technology in underground coal mines.

In order to enhance coal production, achieve these targets, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has taken the following steps:

- Planning to open 11 new mines (9 in GVCf and 2 in Talcher, Odisha).
- Commencement of BDCR – sattupalli railway line (54.1 KM) and completion of JVR Coal Handling Plant (CHP).

An Inter - Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted in the Ministry of Coal for the purpose of coal import substitution. The Representatives from Ministry of Power (MoP), Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Coal Companies and Ports are members of this IMC. This Committee provides a platform for discussions on a larger forum with the Administrative Ministries so as to guide them to encourage the coal consumers of their respective sector to eliminate imports of coal. Nine meetings of the IMC have been held so far. IMC has also directed for development of an Import Data System by Ministry of Coal to enable the Ministry to track the imports of coal. Coal India Limited (CIL) has also started an online portal to register the requests of coal consumers willing for import substitution of coal.

In addition to it, the following steps have also been taken to reduce coal imports:

- The Annual Contracted Quantity (ACQ) of the Power Plants have been increased upto 100% of the normative requirement in those cases where the ACQ was earlier reduced to 90% of normative.
- CIL has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under Import Substitution for about 12 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) coal with the Power plants linked with CIL. Accordingly, CIL has allocated 9.53 Million Tonne (MT) coal to the power plants till February' 2021 under Import Substitution.
- Reserve/floor price across all e-auction schemes was kept to notified price till 2nd quarter (earlier by 10-30% above the notified price) with a view to maximize coal utilization by the consumers.
- Increase in the dispatch to Non-regulated Sector (NRS) consumers in the current Financial Year (Apr-Feb'21) to 37.8 rakes/day compared to 28.4 rakes/day last year with a growth of 33%. Total dispatch to NRS registered a growth of 12% as compared to same period of last year.
- Facility of Usance LC (Letter of Credit) payment mechanism in addition to the existing Irrevocable Revolving Letter of Credit (IRLC) payment was introduced to help the consumer avail credit facility from bank.
- A special Spot auction scheme was started for the coal importers including the traders, so as to enable coal import substitution. CIL has offered about 32.7 MT coal under this window out of which 7.53 MT coal was booked by the consumer/Importers/Traders.

(b): Details of the coal mines of CIL abandoned / closed / discontinued during the last three years is given in Table A of Annexure 1 and the details of the coal mines of CIL likely to be Closed/Discontinued/Production suspended during the current year and coming 3 years depending upon the viability / scientific study of the mines at that point of time are given in Table B of Annexure 1.

Details of coal mines of SCCL closed during the last three years mentioned in Table C of Annexure 1 and the details of the mines of SCCL which are closed/likely to be closed during current year and the next three years are given in Table D of Annexure 1

(c): No worker has been laid-off or retrenched on closure of coal mines of subsidiaries of CIL and SCCL.

Annexure 1

Table -A

| Subsidiary | Name of Mines |
|-------------------|--|
| ECL | Mandman UG |
| | Ratibati UG |
| | Kuardih-Tirat UG |
| | Chakballavpur / Barmondia A UG |
| | Mallickbasti OC |
| | Moirra UG |
| | Gopinathpur OC |
| | Chinakuri I UG |
| | Jemehari UG |
| | Kalipahari UG |
| | S S Incline |
| | Shampur A OC |
| | Narainkuri&Egara OC patches under Mahabir Colliery |
| | Sodpur (R) UG |
| BCCL | Burragarh UG |
| | Kujama OC |
| | Amalgamated Joyrampur Colly Mixed |
| | Lohapatty UG |
| | Ghanoodih OC |
| | Bera OC |
| | Damoda OC |
| | Amalgtd. Block IV-Gobindpur Colly. UG |
| | Amalg. GazlitandKatrasChoitudih Colliery OC |
| | Amalg. East BhagatdihSimlabahal OC |
| | Dobari OC |
| CCL | Saunda D UG |
| | Sayal D UG |
| | Sirka UG |
| | Argada UG |
| | Ray-Bachra UG |
| | Kargali UG |
| | Jarangdih UG |
| | Swang UG |
| | Kuju UG |
| | Topa UG |
| WCL | Bhajipani OC |
| | Ambara UG |
| | Pipla UG |
| | Chanda Rayatwari UG |
| | Kumbharkhani UG |
| | Ganpati UG |
| | Vishnupuri - I UG |

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| | AB Incline UG |
| SECL | Dharam UG |
| | Malga UG |
| | Somna UG |
| | Banki Main UG |
| | Dhanpuri UG |
| | NCPH Old UG |
| | West Chirimiri OC |
| | Pinoura UG |
| | Mahamaya UG |
| MCL | Lilari OCP |
| NEC | Ledo OC |

Table B

| Subsidiary | Name of the mine |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| E C L | Ningha UG |
| | Madusudanpur 7 Pit/ Incline |
| BCCL | Bhowra North UG |
| | Bhagaband UG |
| | KB10/12 Pit UG |
| | PB Project UG |
| | Mudidih UG |
| | Jogidih UG |
| | Kharkharee UG |
| | Maheshpur UG |
| CCL | Urimari UG |
| | Sarubera UG |
| | Bhurkunda UG |
| | Piparwar OC |
| NCL | Kakari OC |
| WCL | Sarani UG |
| | Barkui OC |
| | Mana UG |
| | Shobhapur UG |
| | UmrerExpn OC |
| | Junad OC |
| SECL | Jamuna 9 & 10 UG |
| | Nowrozabad West UG |
| | Pali UG |
| | Bijuri UG |
| | Kapildhara UG |
| MCL | Orient 3 UG |

Table C

| Sl No | Name of the Mine |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | KTK 2 Incline |
| 2 | Dorli OC II |
| 3 | KTK OC I |
| 4 | 21 Inc |
| 5 | Dorli OC-1 |
| 6 | GDK-5 Inc |
| 7 | GDK-10 Inc |

Table D

| Sl No | Name of the Mine |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | RK-8 Incline |
| 2 | VK-7 Incline |
| 3 | Medipalli OC |
| 4 | BPA OC-II Exten. |
| 5 | GDK-7 LEP |
| 6 | JK 5 OC |
| 7 | GK OC |
| 8 | SRP 1 Incline |
| 9 | RK NT Mine |
