

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1577  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

Shortage in production of coal

1577. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production of coal in financial Year 2018-19 has been recorded at 606.89 MT which is around 3MT short of its planned production target of 610MT;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the production was 92MT in the first quarter of financial year 2019-20 as well as production was negative in the months of April and May; and
- (d) if so, action plan of Ministry to achieve the envisaged production target of 660MT in financial year 2019-20?

**Answer**

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES**  
**(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

- (a): Coal India Limited (CIL) produced 606.89 Million Tonne (MT) (Provisional) against the target of 610 MT in financial year 2018-19 which is short by around 3 MT of the production target of 610 MT.
- (b): The major reasons for short fall in production of CIL are Land acquisition, Physical possession of land, Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) issues, Encroachers, Forestry Clearance, Environmental Clearance, Evacuation & logistics constraints, Law & Order problems etc.
- (c): CIL produced 91.88 MT of coal during the month April – May 2019 compared to 91.98 MT in the corresponding period of previous year showing a negative growth of 0.1%
- (d): The Ministry of Coal has fixed the target of coal production at 660 MT by CIL for 2019-20. To achieve this target, the focus of the Government is on pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and law and order issues and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal.

In addition CIL has taken the following steps to increase domestic coal production:

- CIL and its subsidiaries are going for higher capacity mega mines (Capacities > 10 MTY) with high mechanization.
- CIL has already introduced state of the art technology to improve its work efficiency. High capacity Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMMs) like 42 cum Shovel with 240 T Rear Dumper have been introduced for this purpose.
- Surface Miners have been introduced in opencast mines in a big way to improve operational efficiency & to cater environmental needs by CIL. During 18-19, in CIL, around 50% of the opencast coal production was through Surface miners and is likely to further increase in subsequent years.

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