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Status of coal production

1 Sh. K.J. Alphons (Rajasthan):

COAL:-

Shri K.J. Alphons: Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal in the first quarter of 2020; (b) the production in the subsequent quarter;

(c) the reasons for the decrease in production; and

(d) the projection for the entire year?

Safety of coal mine workers

2 Dr. Vikas Mahatme (Maharashtra):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a)

whether Government is aware that as per Directorate General of Mine Safety, from June 2016 to June 2019, 417 miners including 238 coal miners were killed due to mine accidents;

(b)

if so, steps taken by Government to penalize the offenders and the extent to which success has been achieved with these steps; and

(c) steps taken by Government to strengthen safety standards and if so, the details thereof?

Blueprint of coal production in FY 2020-21

3 Sh. Amar Patnaik (Odissa):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a)

whether Government has prepared a blueprint of how it plans on achieving its target of 710 MT of coal in the ongoing financial year 2020-21 given the prevalent circumstances of lockdown; (b) the required growth rate necessary to meet such a target considering the targets of 2019-20 were not met; and

(c)

how far does this affect the target of one billion tonne coal production by Coal India Limited (CIL) by the year 2023-24?

Coal mining projects in Talabira, Odisha

4 Sh. Amar Patnaik (Odissa):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a)

the factors behind Government's decision to approve the coal mining projects in Talabira, Sambalpur district, Odisha ;

(b)

whether any assessment was done on ecological impact of the project on the forest and the surrounding villages;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Auction of coal mines

5 Sh. Ripun Bora (Assam):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a)

whether Government proposes to kick start complete commercial coal mining auction process for privatisation from this year;

(b)

if so, the reasons therefor and whether necessary amendments of the concerned acts have been passed by the Parliament to auction such coal and lignite mining licences;

(c)

reaction from different organisations along with the federations which have challenged the constitutional validity of such amendments; and (d) details of proposal of Government on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through direct and/or indirect manner?

Sanctioned coal projects

6 Sh. Tiruchi Siva (Tamil Nadu):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a)

the names of coal extraction and exploration projects that are currently underway throughout India;

(b) the details of such coal mining projects, State-wise and area-wise; and

(c)

the total number of existing mining projects that have been taken by private entities?

Extension of CIL's deadline to increase coal production

7 Sh. Prashanta Nanda (Odissa):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a)

the reasons for extending Coal India Limited's deadline to increase coal production capacity to one billion tonnes by 2025-26;

(b) whether there is any plan to meet the new deadline; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Coal price index

8 Sh. Prashanta Nanda (Odissa):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State spending would be affected by the coal price index; and

(b)

if so, the manner in which the index would fit into the current coal management practice?

Potential capability of coal sector

9 Sh. Prashanta Nanda (Odissa):

COAL:-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated potential capability of India's coal mining sector; and

(b)

whether the low number of bids is hindering the potential coal mining capability of the country?

Lack of basic infrastructure for private mining

10 Sh. Prashanta Nanda (Odissa):

COAL :- Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state :
the details of eight States with highest coal mining potential that are lacking the basic
infrastructure to facilitate private mining?

Coal mines in Bihar

11 Sh. Satish Chandra Misra (Uttar Pradesh):

COAL :-

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal mines in the State of Bihar;

(b)

whether any new reserves have been discovered, if so, the details thereof; and

(c)

whether any coal mining project is pending for approval, if so, the details thereof?
