

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.473  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

Coal Consumption

473. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's coal consumption is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 3.9 per cent to 1.18 billion tones in 2024; and;
- (b) If so, the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of coal in the coming years?

**Answer**

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

**(a)&(b):** During 2012-13 to 2021-22, consumption of coal increased at CAGR of 3.7%. In 2021-22, the total consumption of coal was 1028MT. Consumption of coal is estimated to increase to 1069 MT in 2022-23 which is further expected to increase to 1112 MT in 2023-24.

In order to ramp up domestic production of coal, several steps have been taken up by the Government of which the major steps include the following:

- Auction of coal blocks to private parties including Captive Power Projects.
- Commercial Auction of coal blocks on revenue sharing basis.
- Allowing sale of coal or lignite of captive mines up to 50 percent after meeting the requirement of the end use plant linked with the mine.
- 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for commercial mining.

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