

Coal production has doubled in the past 4 years: Goyal



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India's coal production has doubled in the past four years from 33 million metric tonnes (MMT) from 2010-11 to 2014 to 67 MMT from 2014-15 to 2017-18, said Coal Minister Piyush Goyal, highlighting the four years achievement of his ministry.

The growth of production of the country's leading coal company CIL has also increased from 31 MT to 73 MT, the ministry said, indicating that CIL's production has increased by 135 per cent. Similarly, the dispatch of coal has also increased by 80.6 %, the minister said.

Goyal said during the past four years, the government has focused on better transportation through synergies between Coal and Railways Ministries. Coal loading of Coal India has increased

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from 195 rakes per day in 2014-15 to 230 rakes per day in 2017-18. Timelines for time-bound execution have been set for 14 critical projects for evacuating coal, he said.

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Drilling for exploration has almost doubled to 13.7 lakh metres in 2017-18 from 6.9 lakh metres in 2013-14. This increased coal production would also help in realising PM Narendra Modi's vision of 24x7 affordable 'Power for All', which is a part of the New India vision by 2022, Goyal said.