

**Current Scenario:**

Coal Production for the month of September 2015 touched 37.17 MT while targeted production of 38.77 MT, achieving a production target of 96%. Nonetheless, actual production for coal has increased from last two months. Regarding offtake of coal, in the month of September, the real time offtake was actually higher than targeted one, as shown in the table. It is indeed an encouraging trend as rise in coal offtake reflects growth in industrial activity.

**Future Scenario:**

Indian Government asserts that the Government will be able to more than double coal production in next five years which translates to an output of 1 billion tones coal production per annum. India will produce 1.5 billion tones of coal by end of this decade as per projection. However increase in coal production must come with increase in industrial activity to make the optimum usage of this coal. In next two to three years, it is likely Indian coal demand growth will exceed the expansion in domestic output, meaning a growing gap that needs to be met by imports.

**Policy level Changes:****Skill Development Centre on anvil at Western Coalfields Ltd in Madhya Pradesh**

To enhance skill set of rural youths and project affected people (pap), the foundation stone was laid at Western Coalfields by Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy. It is expected to boost the self employment scenario as well. A record amount (1851 Ha)land was acquired with a compensation of Rs 445 crore by WCL in last ten months.