Q) In line with Vision to build self reliance, India is marking a fundamental shift to unleash the Coal sector to revive the growth trajectory. Explain (15 marks)

Ans:- Recently the Prime minister of India decided to auction of 41 mines for Commercial mining as the part of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Commercialisation of Coal mining will help India to attain self reliant in energy sector, reduce imports and save foreign currencies.

Need of the move

India is fourth largest Coal reserve nation and second largest producer although second largest importer. Without Import it is unable to meet the energy demands of the nation.

Commercialisation of Coal mining was stopped in 1973, during Indira gandhi reign, From 2014, the Commercialisation process retaken by Coal mines Act 2015, by the this act private players were invited, but their market share was low, then the contribution of private players become less.

For attracting private players Government taken following steps

1) 100% Foreign direct investment allowed in Coal mining sector

2) Companies with not having mining operations/ Experiences also invited to coal mining

3) Revenue sharing changed from fixed rates to ad-valorem, which helpful for Private Players

Advantages of Commercialisation

Coal Mining Commercial Sector

→ Competetion in market, improve the quality of coals produced

→ helpful to other industries like Power Generations, Steel, Aluminium etc

→ Increase the revenue for Central and State governments

→ Job Creation in market

→ Development of backward regions of Jharkhand, orissa, Chattisgarh.

→ Reduce the Imports and Saving Foreign Currency

Commercilisation and Development

By 100% FDI in Coalmining inviting foreign Players, it improve the Competetion in market along with Job Creation, Government also welcoming the Companies new to Coal mining along with experienced ones is ensured equality and ad-valorem revenue sharing provide economic stability in market.

By the environmental concerns the Coal gasification and liquefaction reduce the environmental pollution than ordinary method of coal exploration. The private players in foreign companies will use the latest technologies to reduce the environmental pollution and contributes to sustainable development.

By commercialisation India's coal production will improved and by 2030 we will attain ~~and~~ the self-reliant in coal production.

Way forward

The proud of India, Coal India Limited (CIL), the world's largest coal miner will lost its glory by the introduction of the private players.

The saftey and security features of industries will ensured along with the commerciali-sation is necessary. The 'Black Diamond' mining and its production play an important role in economic stability along with environmental sustainability of the nation