

RAJYA SABHA

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Approval to coal mining projects

801 Sh. Satish Chandra Misra (Uttar Pradesh):

COAL:-

- (a) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has granted approval to some coal mining projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the number of jobs to be created from these projects;
- (d) whether the increasing demand of coal in the country will be completely fulfilled, and the expected financial gains to be accrued therefrom; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Accidents in NLC

802 Sh. Sasmit Patra (Odissa):

COAL:-

- (a) whether frequent accidents occur at Neyveli Lignite Corporation of India Limited;
- (b) if so, details thereof, including the date of occurrence, number of casualties, number of workers injured, slightly and grievously;
- (c) whether any enquiry was ordered into the accidents and if so, details of preliminary report;
- (d) whether any compensation was paid to the nearest relatives of workers who died, grievously injured, including providing employment, if so, details thereof;
- (e) details of action taken to fix responsibility against officers for the negligence of the safety measures; and
- (f) details of steps taken to ensure that such accidents do not recur in future?

Land acquisition under Coal Bearing Areas Act, 1957

803 Sh. Binoy Viswam (Kerala):

COAL:-

- (a) whether Government is considering a proposal to acquire land under the Coal Bearing Areas Act, 1957 and to subsequently lease it to private coal mining companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of land already acquired by Government under the CBA Act, 1957 during the last three years, State-wise?

Coking coal reserves in the country

804 Sh. Rajeev Chandrasekhar (Karnataka):

COAL:-

- (a) details of coking coal produced in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is a sharp decline in coking coal reserves, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to

import coking coal, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the target set for production of coking coal during the last three years;

(e) whether there is a huge difference in the demand and production of coking coal; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to fill this gap?

Concession of custom duty on coal mining equipments

805 Smt. Sampatiya Uikey (Madhya Pradesh):

COAL:-

(a) whether the Ministry recommends concession of custom duty on equipment imported for coal mining and coal washer projects under Project Imports Regulations, 1986; and

(b) if so, the details of beneficiaries of this scheme so far, State-wise?

Allocation of coal blocks to Andhra Pradesh

806 Sh. Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar (Andhra Pradesh):

COAL:-

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Andhra Pradesh does not have any coal blocks within the State and is totally dependent on coal blocks situated in the other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to allocate coal blocks that are situated in the neighbouring States in order to ensure the supply of coal and continuous power supply;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Easing of rules for auction of coal blocks

807 Sh. Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy (Andhra Pradesh):

COAL:-

(a) whether there are any plans before Government to ease rules governing commercial

coal auctions to attract coal bidders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether eased rules are going to be implemented in this year's coal block auctions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploration of minerals by CMPDI

808 Sh. Mahesh Poddar (Jharkhand):

COAL :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the samples of many minerals like fire clay were found at various layers during drilling process conducted for exploration of coal by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI), Ranchi, Jharkhand, and their availability was ignored; and

(b) if so, whether Government will consider to publish a report of all minerals found during drilling conducted by CMPDI and explore the possibility of their commercial mining also, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Coking and non coking coal reserves

809 Sh. Mahesh Poddar (Jharkhand):

COAL :-

(a) the details of coking and non-coking coal reserves and their production in the country, during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise;

(b) the details of quantum of coal imports, its expenditure and annual increase in terms of percentage, during the last five years; and

(c) the details of expected benefit in terms of revenue and employment to the coal producer States of the country on account of proposed commercial mining of coal by Government, State-wise?

Average coal consumption

810 Sh. Javed Ali Khan (Uttar Pradesh):

COAL:-

(a) the total reserves of coal in the country and its average consumption per year during the last five years and current year;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to find alternate sources of energy so that consumption of coal is reduced; and

(c) whether the coal reserves have increased or decreased during the last five years in the country?

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