

(c) by when Government would clear the backlog of displaced persons mostly SCs and STs; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) In Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) a total of 10,446 project affected families have been displaced for mining.

(b) 8944 project affected families have been provided with employment till the year 2009.

(c) MCL has reported that out of the remaining families, 332 project affected persons who are eligible for employment will be provided employment by May 2010.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Fire at Chhindwara and Betul Coalfields

†1051. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the coal mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. situated in the districts of Chhindwara and Betul where incidents of fire occurred in coal storages during the last three years;

(b) the factors that necessitated stock-piling of coal in the above mines;

(c) the pecuniary losses suffered due to burning of coal due to fire mine-wise; and

(d) the officials responsible for the outbreak of fire in these coal storages of coal mines and the details of action taken or to be taken against the guilty/negligent officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) No incident of fire has occurred in coal stocks during the last three years in Western Coalfield Ltd. in the districts of Chhindwara and Betul.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply given to part (a) above.

Coal production in Mahanadi Coalfields

1052. SHRI. MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of coal production of Mahanadi Coalfields at Sambalpur in Orissa during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the difference of quantity of coal between production and dispatch;

(c) the balance quantity of the coal in the coal stock yard;

(d) the mismatch quantity of coal stock, year-wise; and

(e) why coal burning in underground mines and hi stock yard was not checked up?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):
(a) and (b) The coal production, dispatch and the difference between Production and Dispatch of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Orissa, since last five years is given below:

(Figs in Million Tonnes)

Year	Production (Quantity of coal)	Dispatch (Quantity of Coal)	Difference
2004-05	66.08	66.30	(-) 0.22
2005-06	69.60	68.22	1.38
2006-07	80.00	76.43	3.57
2007-08	88.01	83.64	4.37
2008-09	96.34	91.31	5.03
2009-10 (Upto Jan. 10)	79.96	80.78	(-) 0.82

(Figs for 2009-10 is provisional)

(c) The coal stock position of MCL in the beginning of the financial year i.e 1st April for last five years is given below:

(Figs in Million Tonnes)

Year	Coal Stock (Quantity)
01.04.2005	3.01
01.04.2006	4.40
01.04.2007	7.97
01.04.2008	12.35
01.04.2009	17.40

(d) There is no mismatch in the quantity of coal stock.

(e) At present there is no case of the coal burning in any under ground mines of MCL. Heating of coal in the coal stockyard is checked by dozing the stock pile and regular watering.

Hike in prices of coal

†1053. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for hike in the prices of coal;

(b) whether due to hike in the prices of coal, power generation will be costlier resulting increase in prices of all articles;

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