

(d) The year-wise allocation of coal to the successful bidders by the coal companies under Coal India Limited is as under:—

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	Quantity of Coal allocated
2004-05	10.347
2005-06	195.17
April-December, 2006	183.93
November, 2007—March, 2008	155.685
April, 2008—March, 2009	488.744
April, 2009—March, 2010	457.32

Allocation of good quality coal to Orissa

3222. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has demanded more coal allocation to meet its requirement;

(b) if so, Government's reactions thereto;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that the State has 24.29 per cent of total coal reserve but getting only 7.67 per cent of the total coal allocation, which is too meagre in quantity and inferior in quality for its requirement; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not increasing further allocation of good quality coal to the State?

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

(a) and (b) Application has been received from Orissa Power Generation Corporation Limited (OPGCL), a Government of Orissa Joint Venture seeking tapering coal linkage for expansion units (2 × 660 MW), for setting up a power project at Banharpali, District Jharsuguda, Orissa. The application has been forwarded to Ministry of Power for their comments/recommendation. Subject to recommendation of Ministry of Power and other relevant factors, this application could be taken up by Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for authorizing Letter of Assurance (LoA) for this project.

(c) As on 1.4.2009, out of total estimated coal reserves of 267.21 billion tonnes in the country, Orissa State is estimated to have reserves of about 65.227 billion tonnes, which is about 24.41% of total coal reserves in the country. During 2009-10, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), based in Orissa, had supplied 55.6 Million Tonnes of coal to various consumers/industries of Orissa, which constitutes about 56.5% of total coal dispatches of MCL.

(d) Most of the coal reserves and coal produced by MCL in Orissa is of power grade with high ash content. Only a small quantity of grade B, C, D and E is produced by MCL, which are mainly supplied to various industries located in Orissa.