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Production of coal in CIL and SCCL

712. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the major constraints that Coal India Ltd.(CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.,(SCCL) are facing in stepping up of the production of coal in the country; and
- (b) what efforts the Ministry is making to overcome the hurdles?

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

(a) The major constraints that are being faced by Coal India Ltd (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., (SCCL) in stepping up of production of coal are land Acquisition, related rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected persons, delay in obtaining forestry and environmental clearance, delay in obtaining prospecting licence and mining leases from the concerned state Governments, delay in development of infrastructure facilities for coal evacuation and stoppage of work due to law & order problems. Even conducting exploration in forest areas is becoming a constraint with the present provisions under Forest Conservation Act.

(b) Ministry of Coal has been addressing the issue of expediting forestry and environmental clearances with the Ministry of Environment & Forest and expansion of infrastructural facilities by Ministry of Railways for evacuation of coal at the highest level and also pursuing with the State Governments concerned to extend their cooperation in resolving land acquisition, R & R issues and providing other necessary clearances for timely implementation of coal projects.

Shortage of coal in power plants of Gujarat

713. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the power plants in Gujarat have been facing shortage of coal for the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, plant-wise;