

Production of coal by CIL

†1250. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all mines within the purview of Coal India Ltd. are currently not producing coal;

(b) if so, the total number of mines within the purview of Coal India Ltd. in September, 2010 and out of these the number of those producing coal; and

(c) the number of underground mines out of the mines in operation and percentage of coal produced by them out of total production?

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As on 30th September, 2010, out of total 472 mines, 421 mines were producing coal.

(c) Out of a total of 421 mines in operation as on 30th September, 2010, there were 267 underground mines. These mines produced 10.03% of the total coal production.

Policy for small coal blocks

1251. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has approved a new policy for identifying and distributing small coal blocks to private companies and Government corporations;

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard;

(c) how the above coal blocks are geological and geographically different from the main coal blocks; and

(d) why there was a shift in the policy as Government earlier decided to allocate them to cooperatives run by local villages?

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

(a) and (b) The coal blocks including the small & isolated blocks can be allocated to only those who are eligible to do mining as per the provisions under Section 3(3) (a) of the Coal Mines

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