

COAL PRODUCTION BY OPEN-CAST AND UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS

TSRRI BANSI LAL:† 533. / SARDAR RAGHBIR SINGH L PANJHAZARI:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state the percentage of total coal production by open-cast and underground operations, in private sector and public sector collieries, separately, for different grades of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The following table shows the percentage of total coal production, by types of operation, viz., open-cast and underground, both in private and public sector collieries (including the Neyveli Lignite mines), separately: —

	Public Sector			Private Sector			Grand Total
	Open-cast	Under-ground	Total	Open-cast	Under-ground	Total	
Selected A		0.42	0.42	9.96	69.69	79.65	
Selected B		0.16	0.16				
Grade I	5.99	4.83	10.82				
Grade II	1.03	0.07	1.10				
Grade III		0.32	0.32				
Ungraded	1.75*	5.78	7.53				
	8.77	11.58	20.35	9.96	69.69	79.65	100.00

♦Includes 1.08 per cent by way of lignite production in Neyveli.

The grade-wise break-down of the private sector production by these two types of operation is not available and the time and effort involved in collecting such information from some eight hundred collieries may not be commensurate with any benefit that may arise as a result of this exercise.

SHRI BANSI LAL: Do the Government give adequate incentives for underground operations in respect of all qualities of coal?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is not for all qualities. It is only for higher grade that we are giving incentives.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: May I know what is the cost of this coal-raising in the public sector by opencast operations specially for -grades I and II?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have the figures here.

*534. [The questioner (Shri B. D. Khobaragade) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4139-40 infra.]

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("SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:† 535. ^ SHRI DAHYABHAI V. L. PATEL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of "Director

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