

rakes and approach State Government for necessary assistance in matters relating to land acquisition and law and order. In addition, a series of steps have also been taken by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries for augmenting coal production which include (i) increasing the efficiency of the equipments, regular monitoring, mechanization as programmed and strict supervision of the existing mines and ongoing projects. (ii) Capacity addition from new and future projects (iii) Consistent efforts for resolving issues of environmental & forestry clearances, land acquisition and law and order problems with State/Central Government.

Eastern Coalfield Ltd.

‡3423. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3580 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13 December, 2010 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manager of Kapasara Colliery of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) in his letter no. ECI/KP/MAR/07/92 dated 4 August, 2007 has accepted the existence of colliery road, drain partly, quarry etc. on the plot nos. 1535, 1537, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1562 & 1564 khata no.74 plot no. 237;

(b) if so, the reasons for stating non-existence of road, drain, quarry in the referred answer: and

(c) whether it is a fact that rent, tax, etc. of the said land is not being deposited by ECL rather it is being deposited by the landlords even today?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) The Manager of Kapasara Colliery of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL,) in his letter No.ECL/KP/Mar/07/92 dated 4.8.2007 has accepted the existence of the colliery road, drain partly, quarry etc. on the plot nos. 1535, 1537, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1562 & 1564 Khata No.74 but not in plot No.237 of Mouza Agyarkund. So, it is not a fact that in the said letter Manager has accepted the existence of the colliery road, drain partly, quarry etc. on the plot No.237.

(b) In reply to the Un-starred Question No.3580, replied on 13.12.2010, it was stated that ECL has not constructed passage of coal mine, drain bungalow etc. on the land 237 Khata No. 74 Mouza Agyarkund in Dhanbad District. Because there is a plot No.237 in the Mouza Agyarkund in Dhanbad District which is still unutilized by ECL.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) ECL had paid surface rent to the State Government for the plot Nos. 1535, 1537, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1562 & 1564 khata No.74.

Hike in prices of coal

†3424. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) Whether a proposal to withdraw the hiked price of "A" and "B" grade coal effects by Coal India Limited earlier leading so increased costs of coal allocated for Sanjay Gandhi Thermal power station of Madhya Pradesh power generating company, has been received through the Ministry of Power to lessen the resultant additional burden on the people of the States;

(b) If so, the actual position of the current proposal and Ministry's approach towards bringing down the prices; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The prices of A and B Grade of non-coking coal have been revised w.e.f. 27.2.2011 in line with the recommendations contained in the Integrated Energy Policy (IEP)) of the Government, which provide that the price of high quality non-coking coal be determined at the import parity price of such coal less 15%. In spite of the above hike, the price fixed is less by more than 15% as compared to the current price of imported coal of equivalent quality.

Dengue menace in MCL

†3425. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently many workers were affected by spread of dengue in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) in Talcher area of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of immediate steps taken by the company to protect their workers and common people living nearby from this disease by taking Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR); and

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