

**E-auctioning in CIL**

†476. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited (CIL) is earning maximum profit by sale of coal through e-auction system;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether it is also a fact that the selling price under the auction remains more than the notified price; and

(c) if so, the minimum and maximum e-auction prices for 2011-12 fiscal year and the average notified prices during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Coal India Limited (CIL) is earning some profits by sale of coal through e-auction.

(b) The subsidiary companies of CIL have earned an additional amount of Rs. 4929.29 crores over the notified price, during the period April 2011 to February 2012, as the e-auction price is always more than the notified price.

(c) The average minimum and maximum e-auction price during April 2011 to February 2012 of the subsidiary companies of CIL was Rs. 2611.26 per tonne and Rs. 2933.90 per tonne respectively. Their average notified price during the above period was Rs. 1647.38 per tonne.

**Availability of coal reserves**

477. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any district-wise survey in the North East States for exploration of available coal reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of functional, closed and new coal mines yet to be operationalized in those States; and

(d) the number of small scale units and the types of grade of coal given to these units and from which mines the same is given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) conducted coalfield-wise survey for exploration of available coal resources under regional exploration and on that basis blocks has been identified for detailed exploration. The potential blocks identified for detailed exploration have been explored by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd. and its contractual agencies. The state-wise and

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