

(c) and (d) To ensure effective implementation of the Public Procurement Policy for MSEs, every Central Ministry/Department/PSU are to report goals set with respect to procurement to be met from MSEs and achievement made thereto in their respective Annual Reports and also upload the same on their official website so that MSEs may get advance information about requirement of procurement agencies.

Allocation of coal to Gujarat

*178. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) why Gujarat is allocated coal from the Eastern Coal Belts;
- (b) what is the criteria for allocation of coal from the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL);
- (c) what action has been taken by Government to allocate coal to the State from WCL; and
- (d) whether Government is considering to give fuel subsidy to the State to compensate additional financial implications on account of import of additional coal for power generation?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The power plants located in Gujarat are predominantly supplied coal from the coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) located in the State of Chhattisgarh, in Central and East Central India. A small quantity of coal is also supplied from the coalfields of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), located in the State of Maharashtra in Central India.

(b) and (c) The decision on source of allocation of coal is taken on the basis of long-term availability of coal in the source, potential for incremental production, transport logistics etc. Coal available at WCL, where there are no growth prospects is already linked to various power stations and other industries, so much so that even the power stations of Maharashtra are being supplied about 35% of coal from the State of Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

(d) No, Sir.

Poor quality of coal

†*179. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Kahalgaon unit of NTPC had made a complaint to Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) regarding nine bogies found full of soil instead of coal, supplied by ECL;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.