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	Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL)	103
	Central Coalfields Limited (CCL)	248
	Northern Eastern Coalfields Limited (NCL)	664
	Western Coalfields Limited (WCL)	22
	South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL)	495
	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)	686
	North Eastern Coalfields Limited (NEC)	0
	Coal India Limited (CIL)	2119

**Coal mining in Chhattisgarh forests**

1718. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to undertake coal mining in dense Chhattisgarh forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received clearances for the above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (d) In the state of Chattisgarh, Coal India Limited (CIL) operates through a coal producing subsidiary namely South Eastern Coal fields Limited. In order to conduct mining activities in the state, final forestry clearances have already been obtained for 28 projects, involving an area of 5413.16 Ha. Further, final clearances are awaited for 23 projects involving an area of 8908.93 Ha and Stage I clearances are awaited for 29 other projects, involving an area of 3649 Ha.