

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 647
TO BE ANSWERED ON– 08/02/2021

DIVERSIFICATION OF CIL INTO NON-COAL MINING SECTORS

647. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has decided to diversify into non-coal mining areas, to make the transition away from fossil fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether CIL has earmarked separate funds for the diversification and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): CIL has undertaken the following initiatives to diversify into non-coal mining areas:

1. In 2016, with a view to enhance food security of the nation, CIL Board accorded its approval for formation of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (**HURL**), a JV company with NTPC, IOCL, FCIL and HFCL for revival of three defunct fertilizer plants of FCIL and HFCL.

2. Further in December-2020, with a view to enhance energy security and raw material security of the nation, the CIL Board accorded its approval for venturing into the following business areas:

- i) Solar Power Value Chain (Ingot-Wafer-Cell-Module)
- ii) New & Renewable Energy (Non-Conventional)
- iii) Aluminium Value Chain (Mining-Refining-Smelting)

(c): CIL has approved an aggregate investment of Rs. 1,593.84 Cr. as a part of its equity capital towards setting up of total three natural-gas based fertilizer plants at Gorakhpur (UP), Barauni (Bihar) and Sindri (Jharkhand). The following diversification areas are currently under feasibility study stage, as such no separate capital funds have been earmarked:

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