

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4655  
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000  
INVESTMENT BY MCL ON NESP  
PRASANNA ACHARYA

**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is fact that Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited(MCL) propose to invest about Rs. 700 crores at the New Ennore Satellite Port(NESP) of Tamil Nadu for construction of two coal berths equipped with mechanized loading/unloading facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a coal blending plant is going to be set up at NESP to blend coal imported from outside;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any detail techno-economic feasibility study for the same has been conducted;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- g) whether the feasibility of Paradeep Port in Orissa has been studied vis-à-vis NESP of Tamil Nadu in this connection; and
- h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b): Mahandi Coalfields Limited(MCL) has submitted a proposal to Ministry of Surface Transport(MOST) to invest about Rs. 682 crores in two phases for construction of two captive coal berths at New Ennore Satellite Port Complex adjacent to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board(TNEB) berths with storage and blending facilities for 18 million tonnes of coal per annum. No final decision has yet been taken in the matter.

(c)&(d): Coal blending will be optional, which can be dovetailed into the system at any stage.

(e)&(f): Mecon Limited have carried out techno-economic analysis and submitted its report to MCL.

(g)&(h): Paradeep port in Orissa is a loading port for despatches of coal to Southern States. MCL has considered the option of constructing bunkerage and blending the indigenous coal with imported coal at Paradeep Port itself, and shipping the blended coal to Ennore. From Ennore, the coal will have to be loaded subsequently into Railways wagons for onward transmission. Such an option will invite an additional investment of about Rs. 300 crores and will make MCL coal costlier at destination. Therefore, this option was not found feasible by MCL.