

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES AND MINERALS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2466  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2000  
LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ASHES IN COAL  
DILEEP SANGHANI

**Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether indigenous coal contains a large percentage of ashes;
- (b) if so, whether the Government insist upon collieries to have coal washeries at the pit hole;
- (c) the number of washeries have been erected and are operating, as on today; and
- (d) the steps Government propose to take on the collieries to make them implement the orders?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS  
(SMT. RITA VERMA)

- (a): Yes Sir.
- (b): Government does not insist upon collieries to have coal washeries at the pit head.
- (c): 19 numbers of washeries have been erected and are operating under CIL as on date.
- (d): As per the notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forest, all Thermal power Plants located at a distance beyond 1000 KMs from the pithead or located in urban areas/sensitive areas/critically polluted areas irrespective of distance must use coal with ash content not exceeding 34% on and from 1st June 2001. Ministry of Power has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Member Thermal, CEA for looking into the various aspects connected with the implementation of the above MOEF's notification. On receipt of recommendation of the committee appropriate action will be taken by all concern agencies.