

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:248  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001  
SAFETY MEASURES IN OPEN CAST MINES OF MCL  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a): whether the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.(MCL) is not taking adequate safety measures in its open cast mines;
- (b): if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c): whether the accidents are taking place in those open cast mining areas very frequently; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by MCL to ensure adequate safety measures and prevent such accidents?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

- (a): No, Sir. Required safety measures are being taken in the opencast mines at Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.
- (b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Not applicable in view of (a) above.