

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:61
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SUPPLY OF INFERIOR QUALITY OF COAL BY WCL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra State Electricity Board(MSEB) has made a complaint that the Western Coalfields Limited(WCL)has been supplying inferior quality of coal to its Super Thermal Power Plant at Chandrapur (Maharashtr

(a);

(b) whether the MSEB has deducted certain amount due to WCL as the inferior quality of coal has damaged the machineries of the said plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the MSEB has also gone to court on this account;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether other power plants in Maharashtra are also getting inferior quality of coal from WCL;

g) whether the Government propose to get the issue of supply of inferior quality of coal by WCL enquired into by some independent agency, other than Coal India Limited; and

h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKER PRASAD)

a) Western Coalfields Limited(WCL) supplies about 10 lakh tonnes of coal per month to Chandrapur Thermal Power Station(CTPS) by different modes. There were some complaints regarding wet and sticky coal during heavy rains, and these were attended promptly by WCL.

b) No, Sir.

c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

d) No, Sir.

e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.

f) WCL have not received any major complaint from other power houses of MSEB regarding quality of coal. However, some complaints for sticky nature of coal were received during the monsoon season and corrective action has been taken to the extent possible.

(g)&(h): No such proposal is under consideration of Government in the Ministry of Coal & Mines.