

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

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TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORT PRODUCTS OF MCL AND NALCO
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether export products of MCL and NALCO in Orissa i.e. E.B. coal and aluminium products are routed through Visakhapatnam (AP) despite presence of Paradip Port in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to transport the cargo through Paradip; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): MCL does not export coal to any country outside India. However, the coal of Ib valley coalfield of MCL is despatched to consumers in the south through Vishakhapatnam port. Coal from Talcher coalfield of MCL is transported via Paradip port. Transportation of coal from MCL through Paradip or Visakhapatnam port depends upon the transport logistics and the rationalized route system evolved by the Railways.

NALCO is exporting its aluminium products through Paradip port in addition to Kolkata and Visakhapatnam.

(c)&(d): The coal of MCL and the aluminium products of NALCO are going through Visakhapatnam as well as Paradip port.