

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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DIFFERENCE IN ROYALTY  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the royalty for lignite is different from the royalty for coal ; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA )

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The royalty rate for lignite is Rs. 50/- per tonne w.e.f. 15.3.2001. Royalty rates for coal range from Rs. 250 per tonne, for the superior most grade of coal, to Rs. 65 per tonne for the inferior most grades of coal, w.e.f. 16.8.2002, except in the State of West Bengal.

The basic reason for difference in royalty rates for lignite and coal is the difference in characteristics between the two minerals.