

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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ROYALTY RATE ON LIGNITE
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the royalty rate on Lignite has been revised recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the present revised rate;
- (c) the details of royalty rate per tonne on Lignite prior to revision;
- (d) the royalty due to each of the Lignite producing States and have been paid to each of them so far;
- (e) the Lignite reserves and production at present, State-wise ;
- (f) the latest annual consumption of each of these with PLF and cost per mega Watt;
- (g) whether any power plant uses the blend of Lignite and coal; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The royalty rate on lignite has been revised from two rupees fifty paise per tonne to fifty rupees per tonne with effect from 15th March, 2001.

(d): Tamil Nadu is the major lignite producing state in India. The total royalty amount paid by Neyveli Lignite Corporation to the Government of Tamil Nadu from 27.06.1990 to 30.06.2001 is Rs. 69.60 crores.

(e): The estimated lignite reserves and production State-wise in the country are as follows :-

Sl.No.	State reserves	Estimated Lignite 2000-2001	Production
1	Gujarat	1,870.47	2.819
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	127.84	-
3.	Kerala	108.30	-
4.	Rajasthan	2,381.55	0.09
5.	Tamil Nadu	30,274.85	18.17

(f): Annual consumption of lignite in respect of Neyveli Thermal Power Stations along with Plant Load Factor (PLF), for the year 2000-2001 are as under

Power Stations lakh tonnes	Lignite Consumption in	Plant Load Factor in %
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Thermal Power Station-I	59.99	79.09
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In case of Thermal Power Station-I Expansion of Neyveli Lignite Corporation, the cost per MW is Rs. 3.79 crore (3/1995 base) and 3.38 crore (12/2000).

(g): NLC power plants use lignite only for generation of power and no blending is done with coal.

(h): Does not arise in view of answer given in part (g) above.