

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3651  
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COMPENSATION AND APPOINTMENTS UNDER CCL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether compensation was paid and appointments given before starting Angwali and Pichri coal mines under Central Coalfields Ltd.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had conducted any survey for the regular operation of mines prior to acquisition of land; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL) :

(a) Angwali (part of Pure Dhori Coal Mine) & Pichri Coal Mines were working mines at the time of nationalization and were taken over as per Coal Mines Nationalization Act. Therefore, the question of paying compensation and giving appointment by Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) before starting the mines did not arise. However, while operating these mines, additional land was acquired as and when required for mining operations and in Angwali mine, land was also acquired for offering to Government for compensatory afforestation. Compensation was paid and employment given as per prevalent guidelines of CCL.

(b) At Angwali mine 208.22 acres of land has been acquired Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957 vide S.O. No. 1812 dated 18.5.79. An amount of Rs. 10,32,170.63 was sanctioned against compensation for tenancy land. Out of which Rs. 8,52,053,-67 has been paid. Balance Rs. 1,80,116.96 is pending due to different title disputes on acquired land. 76 numbers of employment to land oustees have been provided by CCL. At Pichri, mining operation has been done within the lease hold boundary acquired at the time of nationalization as per Nationalization Act. Therefore, in this case payment of compensation of land and providing employment was not involved.

(c) Yes, Sir. Central Coalfields Limited conducted survey regarding feasibility of regular operation of the above mines.

(d) Angwali is a closed mine located in East Bokaro Coalfields, south of Damodar River. It is an isolated patch having balance reserve of about 2 million tonnes in Karo group of seams (non-corelatable). The grade of coal is Washery-IV/non-coking coal Gr. 'E'. Here only seasonal mining has been done because most of the area falls below highest flood level. Seams are also steeply dipping. At present CCL has got no plans to extract coal from this mine. Pichri mine is located at south of Damodar River in Dhori Area of East Bokaro Coalfield. The production from this mine has been around 0.10 million tonnes per annum for number of years. Most of the mining area falls below highest flood level and that is why only seasonal mining is done here. This mine is a source of medium coking coal and coal from this mine is being fed to the washeries for supplying washed coal to the steel industry. At present working in this mine has been suspended temporarily due to non-availability of land.