

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a recent research conducted by the National Aluminium Company (NALCO) has found coal ash to be potential in increasing agricultural production;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating application of the research result in the agricultural production of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a), (b) and (c) NALCO had undertaken a project on 'Waste land development by application of fly ash' in collaboration with the Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal. Encouraged by the findings of the project on a laboratory scale and field experiments, NALCO have now undertaken an R & D project on 'Technology Development Project on effect of fly ash on soil fertility and crop yield' in association with the Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal, and the Fly Ash Mission, Department of Science and Technology. This project is expected to be completed by April, 2002.