

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2403
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LIBERALISATION OF COAL SALES POLICY
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in a bid to improve coal supplies to important industrial segments Government has ordered liberalization of coal sales policy bringing major industries like aluminum and paper into the core sector fold;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this move would also benefit PSUs including BHEL and would also address grievances of these segments over inadequate supplies; and
- (d) whether this new regime would also benefit more than 60 consumers including Hindalco, INDAL and IFFCO?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Government on 1st January,2004 have accorded core sector priority to Aluminum industry, paper industry, export of coal to neighboring countries as part of bilateral negotiations held under the auspices of the Ministry of External Affairs and Central PSUs for consumption and use (as distinguished from trading) for supply of coal from coal producing subsidiaries under Coal India Limited (CIL) / Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL).

(c)& (d): Yes, Sir.