

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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UNDERUTILISATION OF COAL WASHERIES .
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether coal washeries are underutilised;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) The quantity of coal washed during the last three years;
- (d) The number of private coal washeries in the country;
- (e) Whether coal is being stolen from washeries; and
- (f) If so, the action taken by the Government to check the theft of coal from washeries?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. The reasons for low capacity utilisation of the washeries are as below:

i) Depletion of good quality upper seam coking coals

ii) Less availability of raw non-coking coal from the linked mines

iii) Total technological modification in converting some of the coking coal washeries to non-coking coal washeries could not be taken up because of fund constraint,

iv) Modernization/Technological up-gradation of the old washeries which have out lived their lives, could not be taken up earlier in many washeries because of fund constraint. However, the modernisation job of the washeries has now been taken up in phases.

(c) : The total quantity of coal washed in CIL washeries during last three years is given below:

	2005-	2004-	2003-
	06	05	04
Coking coal (Million Tonnes)	9.3	9.2	8.90
Non-Coking coal	12.70	11.57	9.85

(Million Tonnes)

(d): As per information available in the Ministry, the number of private coal washeries in the country is as follows:

Coking coal washeries – 4 Non-coking coal washeries – 33

(e): There is no report of coal being stolen from the washeries of CIL.

(f) : Does not arise in view of the reply given to part (e) above.