

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIVAL OF DANKUNI COAL COMPLEX
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is considering revival of the Dankuni Coal Complex situated in West Bengal;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether any proposal has been received from the trade unions in this regard : and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Revival / Turn Around of Dankuni Coal Complex

(DCC) is under examination of Coal India Limited (CIL) The short term and long term actions initiated / to be initiated for turn around arc as under:

- i) Price revision of gas produced by DCC;.
- ii) Revision of price of DCC products - Coke and Tar;
- iii) Availability of right /appropriate quality of coal for the plant;
- iv) Various cost reduction measures;
- v) Capital rebuilding of the plant.

Additionally the following actions are being taken for revival of Dankuni Coal Complex:

a) Aggressive sales & marketing of DCC products; b) Improvement in plant capacity utilization; c) Rationalisation of manpower.

(c) & (d) Two revival packages were submitted by Rashtriya Colliery

Mazdoor Sangh (RCMS) of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) and Dankuni Coal Complex Employees Union (DCCEU) of Centre of Indian Trade Union

(CITU) Unions in November, 2002 to CIL. Focal points of the revival packages were

- i) Identification of low ash low phosphorous coal suitable for manufacturing good quality industrial coke ;
- ii) Aggressive marketing of DCC products;
- iii) Adoption of cost reduction measures; and
- vi) Distillation of Tar for producing value added chemicals.