

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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FREE SALE OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether free sale of coal by coal companies has been discontinued;
- (b) whether the price of coal has been inc/eased despite the discontinuation of free sale of coal;
- (c) if so. the details therefor;
- (d) whether the coal companies including SECL propose to provide coal to common man by redetermining the sale of free sale and doing away with the monopoly in sale; and
- (e) if so. the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) and (c) Fixation of price of coal is done based on various factors like cost of production and is not related to free sale of coal.
- (d) and (e) Sale of coal through e-auction is under consideration of the Government and the details will be worked out based on the experience and evaluation of the ongoing trial e-auctions.