

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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EFFECT OF COAL MINE DUST ON HUMAN HEALTH
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) has recently conducted survey of certain areas surrounding the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra to investigate effect of coal mine dust on human health;
- (b) if so, whether the findings have confirmed that the dust is harmful to human health; and
- (c) if so, the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.