

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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UNDERGROUND COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the underground mines under CIL and its subsidiaries;
- (b) the quantum of superior grade coal extracted from these mines annually in the last three years;
- (c) whether CIL proposes to offer the superior grade coal to non-core sector consumers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The details of underground mines under Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and its subsidiaries are given below:

Company	Underground(UG) Ground & Opencast)	Mixed (Under	
Eastern Coal Fields Ltd.(ECL)	88	5	
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.(BCCL)	50	20	
Central Coalfields Ltd.(CCL)	22	4	
Northren Coalfields Ltd.(NCL)	0	0	
Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL)	42	6	
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.(SECL)	69	1	
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.(MCL)	9	0	
North Eastern Coalfields (NEC)	3	0	
Total	283	36	

(b) The quantum of superior grade coal i.e. Coking Coal & Non-Coking coal of A,B,C,D grades extracted from these mines during the last three years are as under :

(Fig. in Lac Tonnes)

Company	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Eastern Coal Coking Fields Ltd.(ECL) Non-Coking	0.91	0.74	0.47
Total	94.56	93.35	82.66
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.(BCCL) Non-Coking	41.69	35.10	28.48
Total	63.76	54.70	49.01
Central Coalfields Ltd.(CCL) Non-Coking	13.57	11.64	9.30
Total	26.56	23.11	19.55

Western Coking 7.00 8.60 6.91
Coalfields
Ltd (WCL) Non-Coking 75.54 77.28 77.06
Total 82.54 85.88 83.97

South Eastern Coking 1.47 1.50 1.57
Coalfields
Ltd. (SECL) Non-Coking 164.3 163.74 160.43
Total 165.77 165.24 162.00

Mahanadi Coking 0 0 0
Coalfields
Ltd. (MCL) Non-Coking 21.77 20.16 19.73
Total 21.77 20.16 19.73

North Eastern Coking 0 0 0
Coalfields
(NEC) Non-Coking 1.49 1.22 1.10
Total 1.49 1.22 1.10

Total Coking 64.64 57.58 46.73
Non-Coking 391.81 386.08 371.29
Total 456.45 443.66 418.02

(c) & (d) :CIL has already been offering superior grades of non-coking coal to non-core sector since long. During the period when linkage system was in vogue, heat intensive industries such as glass, pottery, refractories, ceramic industries were accorded linkage for such higher grade of coal. After complete decontrol of coal distribution from 01.01.2000 and consequent withdrawal of linkage system, higher grade coal is being made available to non-core sector depending upon availability. Moreover, the new Coal Distribution Policy notified on 18.10.2007 has done away with the classification of core/non-core sector consumers.