

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL FOR CAPTIVE COAL BLOCK FROM PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has re-invited proposals for captive coal blocks from private sectors:
- (b) if so, details thereof along with the number of private companies and industries: and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(c): No, Sir. However, Government had invited applications for allocation of 38 captive coal blocks on 13th November, 2006. In all, 1422 applications were received from private as well as public sector companies. The Government have already allocated 15 coal blocks earmarked for power sector to 31 private and joint venture companies. The applications received for remaining 23 coal blocks earmarked for other specified end uses are under the scrutiny of Screening Committee.