

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF COAL BY MAHANADI COALFIELDS LTD. MCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.(MCL) is allocating coal to the industrial units set up in the Orissa on priority basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether MCL is not supplying coal according to the demand of the local units in the State;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to regulate supply of coal from MCL to the units set up in Orissa?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Coal is a natural resource and occurs in some States only. It is prudent and fair that this resource is shared by consumers in all the States. Thus, coal is allocated to consumers located anywhere in the Indian Union, in accordance with the provisions under extant coal distribution policy. Out of total despatches of 68.70 million tonnes during April, 2007 to January, 2008, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has supplied 37.38 million tonnes to industrial units located within the State of Orissa. In addition, MCL has allocated 2.50 lakh tonnes of coal to the State nominated agency namely Orissa Small Industries Development Corporation for distribution to small and medium consumers in Orissa and 1.10 lakh tonnes to National Co-operative Consumer Federation (NCCF) during April, 2007 to January, 2008 for distribution to small and medium industries. However, against this allocation, only a quantity of 0.59 lakh tonnes and 0.01 lakh tonnes respectively, was lifted by the State nominated agency and NCCF. Under electronic booking/electronic auction also conducted by MCL during April, 2007 to January, 2008, against the total offer of 8 million tonnes, a quantity of 7.3 million tonnes was booked by various consumers, including those located in Orissa.