

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COAL FOR NALCO
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Aluminium Company Ltd.(NALCO) is facing a severe coal crisis;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any efforts have been made by the Government to overcome the shortage of coal for NALCO; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a) and (b): National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has informed that the company has faced severe coal crisis from May, 2008 onwards due to poor and irregular coal supply by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL).

(c) and (d): On being intimated by Company about the severe coal shortage, Ministry of Mines had immediately taken up the matter with Ministry of Coal for augmentation of supply of coal. NALCO has also submitted necessary application to the Ministry of Coal to increase the coal linkage from 4.85 million tonnes per annum to 5.5 million tonnes per annum.