

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited recently conducted a survey of certain areas surrounding the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra State to ascertain the effect of coal mines dust on human health as reported in `The Times of India` dated 17 September,2008;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (c) The remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Western Coalfields Limited has conducted a Health Study to ascertain possibility of health hazards due to pollution from coal mines in Chandrapur District in the year 2005-06 through District Health Officer (DHO), Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (b): No incidence of direct coal dust dependent diseases like Pneumoconiosis and Silicosis were found during the study. The study also revealed that non-dust related diseases are also negligible in mining area.
- (c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.