

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY STATUS TO THE COAL MINING SECTOR

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry had demanded for granting the status of the infrastructure industry to the coal-mining sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the concrete measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF THE STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): The issue of granting the status of infrastructure industry to the coal mining sector, was discussed in the meeting of the Committee of Secretaries held on 13.04.2007 in connection with the issues being considered by the Energy Coordination Committee. It was decided therein that the Planning Commission would take up the matter with the Ministry of Finance. Planning Commission, in turn, conveyed that the Ministry of Finance did not agree to accept the recommendations of the Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy regarding infrastructure status to coal mining industry.